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m Hay, chairman committee, said the blockade would remain in place until there was "movement by the Government". He did not expect the Government to concede instantly all six demands put forward by the fishermen, which include a renegotiation of the EEC common fisheries policy, a 50-mile limit with exclusive fishing rights for British vessels, and a ban on imports of frozen fillets and shellfish from non-EEC countries.

"But we will end the blockade if they are prepared to negotiate with us and come to some sort of terms", Mr Hay said.

The committee has not directly approached either Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, or Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. Last night Mr Hugh Brown, Under-Secretary of State, Scottish Office, urged Scottish fishermen to lift their blockade. Mr Hay said he had not heard directly from Mr Brown and could not comment.

Mr Brown is expected to visit Aberdeen and Shetland today.

The fishermen are relying on an informal, inter-party committee of MPs to put their case to ministers.

Four members of the inter-party committee, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Conservative MP for Angus, North and Nairns; Mr James Sillars, Labour MP for Ayrshire, South; Mr Grimond, Liberal MP for Orkney and Shetland, and Mr Douglas Henderson, Scottish National MP for Aberdeenshire, East, yesterday requested a meeting with Mr Ross and leaders of the fishing industry to try to find a solution to the industry's difficulties and to end the blockade.

Fishermen's leaders in Aberdeen were saying yesterday that the industry's difficulties went beyond their six demands. "The Government must decide whether it wants a British fishing industry or not, and if it does it will have to pay for it", was how one man put it.

Mr Hay admitted that the fishermen's actions were in contravention of harbour by-laws. "Every boat in the blockade has broken the law now. We knew that before we started. We have to break a law to make our point", he said.

Aberdeen police yesterday charged 68 skippers with ignoring harbour lights and breaking by-laws. A report has been sent to the city's procurator fiscal. A spokesman for the action committee said no other charges were reported in other Scottish ports.

Most Scottish harbour authorities are independent, with their own by-laws, and any prosecution would have to be made on their individual initiative.

Aberdeen harbour, which houses nine tenths of Scotland's fishing industry, was sealed at dawn yesterday morning by 83 small vessels drawn up in a single line across the 1,000 ft entrance to the Roc... Aberdeen fishermen had put to sea in the early hours to rendezvous with a flotilla from Peterhead 30 miles to the north-east, before returning to port to establish the blockade. More than a hundred vessels had left Peterhead at midnight. Some steamed for six hours as far north as the Cromarty Firth. No interference by naval or other vessels was reported.

Three ships were allowed out of Aberdeen harbour yesterday: an oil rig safety vessel and two ferries carrying passengers and provisions to Orkney and Shetland.

A weather ship that has been at sea for eight weeks was allowed to sail up the Clyde. Two colliers were permitted to put into Blythe to

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An aerial photograph of Aberdeen harbour sealed by fishing boats yesterday morning.

Mr Shelepin arrives on secret flight

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Alexander Shelepin, the Russian trade union leader and former head of the KGB, arrived at Heathrow airport yesterday afternoon on a specially chartered Aeroflot jet from Moscow at the start of his visit to Britain as guest of the TUC.

It had previously been expected that he would arrive tomorrow. Heathrow's control tower did not know of Mr Shelepin's planned arrival until 40 minutes before touchdown and airport authorities refused to confirm that he had landed until an hour afterwards.

Tight security was enforced as the aircraft pulled into the Southside VIP area, two miles from the main terminal. Police were posted on the rooftops overlooking the apron.

Mr Shelepin was met by Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, and Mr Nikolai Lunkovi, the Soviet Ambassador. After about 25 minutes in the VIP suite, they left for the Soviet Embassy in Kensington, followed by two other cars and with a heavy police escort.

Fewer than a hundred demonstrators, carrying anti-Shelepin placards, were outside the embassy when Mr Shelepin made his unexpected arrival at 6.20 pm. Ironically, less than half an hour earlier, more than 3,000 demonstrators had marched in front of the embassy, protesting against his planned visit, unaware that he had already arrived in Britain.

Mr Shelepin dined last night at the embassy with Mr Lunkovi, Mr Murray and Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union. Mr Shelepin spent the night at the embassy and will visit TUC headquarters today.

During the visit the party will have a discreet armed guard. The official attitude is that the visit is entirely private, but no chances will be taken, after reports that a number of groups plan demonstrations wherever Mr Shelepin goes. The TUC is keeping the itinerary secret.

But there was apparently no question of the party being allowed to have its own armed KGB escort, as was done when Mr Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev visited Britain 20 years ago.

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'Black Paper' calls for seven-plus exam to combat illiteracy

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

A national examination at seven plus to get all normal children reading before they can go to a junior school is advocated in a so-called Black Paper on education scheduled to be published in three weeks' time.

Black papers are discussion documents issued from time to time by a group of traditional academics who believe progressive education has gone too far. The latest calls for national examinations at 11 plus and 14 plus. After the last, some students would be allowed to leave school. It also suggests a remodelling of the tax laws to encourage mothers to stay at home and look after their young children.

Government condemnation of the document was made last night at Blackpool by Mr Ernest Armstrong, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, who, after reading a summary of it, said:

"I really am shocked that anybody who has any semblance of educational experience should want to put the clock back so far as to start selecting children at seven and labelling those who do not measure up to very narrow academically based criteria as failures. These people want to make education again more and more of a rat race."

The paper, which runs to 64 pages and costs 95p, is full of dire warnings for the future of schools under "progressive" methods. The authors, Professor Brian Cox, of Manchester University, and Dr Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent, North, say that the educational scene is "very sick indeed". In a letter to MPs and parents, they say:

Literacy is declining. Half the adult illiterates are below the age of 25. Industry complains of increasing innumeracy. Some 650,000 children play truant every day and teachers flee from city schools because of lesson resistance and insolence by the pupils. Adolescent violence increases and universities show signs of student and staff intolerance of free discussion which threatens a new dark age. Genuine cultural participation falls steadily and a non-value pop culture becomes dominant.

The first of 10 basic points set out on the first page is: "Children are not naturally good. They need firm, tactful discipline from parents and teachers with clear standards. Too much freedom for children breeds selfishness, vandalism and personal unhappiness."

The fourth point, "Schools are for schooling, not social engineering", is a criticism of comprehensive schools which is repeated again and again. A sixth point says that every normal child should be able to read by the age of seven. The authors propose that:

Pupils with an intelligence quotient of more than 70 should have to take a test in literacy and numeracy at the age of seven and should be expected to pass it before they proceed from the infant to the junior school.

The 11-plus and 14-plus examinations would cover a minimum amount of geographical, historical, scientific and literary knowledge. The 14-plus test should be a school-leaving examination after which "non-starters should be allowed to disappear to apprenticeships".

Infant and junior schools should have specific syllabuses and standards. Comprehensive schools should be split into four main streams of courses from an academically demanding mathematics-science programme down to creative arts and industrial training programme for the "less academically gifted".

Every deputy headteacher, counsellor, year master and housemaster in the large comprehensive schools should return to teaching. A bonus of between £500 and £1,000 a year should be given to classroom teachers whose results were outstanding, so that they could train an apprentice for a year.

Lecturers in colleges and departments of education should have to do a spell of five years teaching after every five years lecturing. "No student should ever hear a lecturer lecture until he has seen him teach in the classroom."

University entrants should have at least seven O levels. University terms should be 12 weeks each (not 10 or eight). Junior academics should be placed on five-year contracts and expected to change their institutions after that time to "avoid stagnation".

Above all, the authors say:

Black Paper 1975—the fourth in the series—is a call to all politicians, parents and teachers to be absolutely intransigent about fundamentals. . . . If you fail, your children will join the new class of the deprived, those denied the great benefits of traditional schooling.

In the first chapter Miss Iris Murdoch, the novelist, explains why she as a socialist supports selection. She says the comprehensive experiment is only just beginning. The different educational systems should be able to coexist. Many grammar and independent schools are very good indeed. She continues:

The fact that not all parents have access to them is not in itself a reason for closing these schools, unless envy counts as a reason. The fates of individual children are at stake and parents are rightly unwilling to deprive their children

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military experts say airlift will have little effect on the current fighting as it will take weeks, if not months, to regroup and re-equip the six South Vietnamese divisions—out of a total of 13—which were cut up and routed during the offensive.

The troops are now in complete disarray. Eyewitnesses from Nha Trang, the coastal town 200 miles north-east of Saigon, claim that troops which fled when Darlac province was captured early in March, have begun looting in broad daylight. An official working for Air America, the civilian airline sponsored by the CIA, said he was relieved to get out of Nha Trang today. "It is not as bad as Da Nang but the atmosphere is very tense. The troops are roaming around town in an angry mood. People are being robbed at gunpoint. I saw two soldiers walk away with radios after they threatened a shopkeeper with a hand grenade. There is no force to keep discipline, the official said.

Air Vietnam cancelled three domestic flights to Nha Trang today because of disorder at the airport where panic-stricken crowds were expected to mob aircraft.

Senior Vietnamese staff officers in Nha Trang told the Americans today that their forces would now try to establish a defensive perimeter across the coastal belt slightly north of Nha Trang. However, communist troops have already virtually encircled Nha Trang and cut Highway One, the coastal road to Saigon, at several points south of the proposed defence line. This will mean that Nha Trang could only become a surrounded enclave dependent on supplies by sea and air.

Military intelligence sources claimed today that the communists are moving many long-range 130mm guns southwards towards Saigon along South Vietnam's border with Cambodia.

In the northern provinces of South Vietnam communist forces began to mop up the remaining Government outposts today after virtually capturing 12 of the country's 44 provinces within three weeks. They overran Datea, a Government outpost, five miles north of the town of Binh Khe, an indication that North Vietnamese units are moving southwards and closing around the port of Qui Nhon, 270 miles north-east of Saigon.

Saigon itself is surprisingly peaceful. But the columns of refugees heading for the capital tell a different tale. On the outskirts of Saigon today a widow, aged 28, got off a small bus packed with refugees and wept bitterly.

Banging her head in anguish against a rail, she kept repeating: "I want to go back. I want to go back." Forty miles to the east behind two huge logs blocking the road lies communist-occupied territory. And there she knows that her son, aged six, has been cut off from her. Probably they will never find each other again.

Washington, March 31.—The United States is ready to help in evacuating up to 100,000 refugees from Qui Nhon starting at dawn tomorrow.—Reuter.

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Eight die in avalanche at Alpine holiday camp

Mallnitz, Austria, March 31.—An avalanche killed eight holidaymakers while they were asleep in their chalets at a recreation camp today. Rescuers found them lying in their beds.

The victims were Austrians spending Easter in a trade union recreation camp in this health resort on the southern edge of the Austrian Alps.

The avalanche at daybreak destroyed or badly damaged eight of the 11 chalets in the camp. It buried 26 holidaymakers but 18 managed to free themselves from the snow. Two are in hospital but not in a critical condition.

In three days of constant snowfall more than 6ft of new snow has piled up over Easter. All mountain passes across the Austrian Alps are closed.

The Brenner highway, the main road between Italy and Austria, was temporarily blocked by an avalanche, and rail traffic across the Brenner Pass was halted until tomorrow because of snowslides.

Weather experts predicted more snowfalls and said that the danger of avalanches will increase everywhere along the Alps.—UPI.

Lady Hillary and daughter killed

From Our Correspondent
Katmandu, March 31

Sir Edmund Hillary lost his wife and teenage daughter in an air crash today in Nepal, the country which brought him fame as the first man to conquer Everest in 1953 with Sherpa Tenzing.

Lady Hillary and her daughter Belinda left Katmandu for Phaphlu, an airstrip at an altitude of 5,400ft in the Everest region, in a single-engine Pilatus Porter aircraft.

It crashed a few minutes after takeoff, killing all four passengers and the pilot. The others on board were Mr Angeli Lama and his American-born wife Ann and Mr P. C. Sand, a New Zealander pilot, who was recruited recently by the state-owned Royal Nepal Airlines Corporation.

The aircraft crashed in a wheat field near the famous Baudhanath Buddhist temple, some two and a half miles north-west of Katmandu's Tribhuvan airport.

Eye-witnesses said that shortly after the aircraft took off there were "several bangs" before it caught fire and plunged to the ground. Some children on the way to school made a desperate attempt to extinguish the fire but their efforts were fruitless.

A helicopter was sent to the Everest region to bring Sir Edmund to Katmandu. He spent 15 minutes gazing silently at the scene of the crash, then went straight to his house in the capital.

He is in the Everest region to build a second hospital for Sherpas, having already provided one hospital and a school in the Khumbu area. His wife and daughter were to join him and then go on a trek.

This was the first time Sir Edmund's daughter had come to Nepal on holiday. Like her parents, she was a lover of mountains and wanted to have a close look at the peak which made her father world famous.

Acute shortage of staff in Civil Service

The Civil Service has an acute shortage at middle management level, caused by the increasing amount of government activity in recent years. [illegible] hard to get enough accountants, lawyers, quantity surveyors and veterinary scientists, despite recruitment drive. The situation is made worse by a "retirement bulge". A recent analysis showed that at some [illegible] nearly four fifths of civil servants [illegible] sides. Sixteen per cent were between [illegible] their normal retiring age is 60 [illegible]

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Big BSC economy drive

A programme of wide-ranging economies has been undertaken by the British Steel Corporation to avert a deficit in the financial year 1975-76 which could well exceed its previous worst loss, of £45m in 1971-72. The situation is attributed to additional costs against the background of a world slump in demand

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Blow to farmers' hopes on tied-cottage system

Farmers' hopes of the Government's reconsidering its pledge to abolish tied cottages appear to have been dashed. No farmer-farmworker discussions are planned on the implications of an independent report on the tied-cottage system, which [illegible] quarter of farmworkers believe it [illegible] live on the farm

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Oil talks on the dollar

Abandonment of the dollar as the currency for pricing oil appears nearer as experts of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meet in Vienna this week to discuss the issue. There is a [illegible] placement of the dollar with a unit [illegible] the average of several currencies

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Israel hint of 'proximity talks' on Sinai deadlock

Tel Aviv, March 31.—Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, and Israeli officials are studying the possibility of "proximity talks" between Egypt and Israel to get a new Sinai agreement, Government sources said today.

The aim would be to get a new agreement before reconvening the Geneva Middle East conference and thereby increase the chances of success.

"The prevailing opinion is that proximity talks are the most likely form of pre-Geneva forum that could be held", one source said. "The venue would be in Washington."

"If Egypt is not prepared for any concessions or commitments further than what they suggested during the [Kissinger] shuttle, then there is little chance for progress", a source said when asked about the chances for success of proximity talks.

Dr Kissinger's diplomatic shuttle mission to achieve a second-stage agreement between Egypt and Israel broke down on March 22. At the time, Israel had offered to give up the strategic Mitla and Ciddi mountain passes and the Abu Rodeis oilfields in Sinai only in return for a public Egyptian pledge of non-belligerency. Egypt refused.

Mr Allon, the Foreign Minister, was today reported as saying that Israel stood by its proposals for an interim settlement with Egypt through American mediation. — UPI Reuter.

Cairo, March 31.—Parliament urged the Government today to maintain its dialogue with America in the interest of a Middle East settlement. The came in a resolution supporting President Sadat's decision to reopen the Suez Canal and extend the mandate of United Nations peace-keeping forces in Sinai.

Tel Aviv, March 31.—Israel and Lebanese Army gunners briefly exchanged artillery fire on the frontier today.—UPI.

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[illegible] union votes for abolition of bonus payments

From Tim Devlin
Blackpool

The National Union of Teachers voted yesterday against paying what was called "dirty money" bonuses to teachers in socially deprived schools.

About 55,000 teachers in three thousand schools get increases of up to £276 a year as part of a £10.8m hand-out from Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, last year.

It was a close decision on a card vote. The motion was carried by 100,091 votes to 97,182 against the wishes of the union's executive.

Immediately afterwards it was being said in authoritative union circles that the teachers were unlikely to forfeit the payments.

The union must now start negotiations with the Burnham Committee which negotiates teachers pay to get them stopped. It is thought unlikely that either the employers on the committee of the Department of Education and Science, which has a right of veto on the committee's decisions, will agree to abolishing the bonuses.

Mr John Deas, of Newcastle upon Tyne, told the conference of two thousand delegates: "These payments can only be called dirty money to teachers. We are saying 'your children are deprived: give us the cash and we'll teach them'. What a philosophy for a union that is supposed to care for children!"

Mr Malcolm Horne, of the London borough of Brent, putting the other side, said that in his borough a large number of schools received the special payment allowances, and they included four schools that sent children home for part of the week throughout last year because of lack of teachers. This year, after the special allowances had been paid, all four were back on full-time education because teachers had been attracted to the schools.

Mr Fred Jarvis took over from Sir Edward Britton as general secretary yesterday.

Miserly councils: Sir Edward said in his farewell speech: "There are now educational authorities that are deliberately planning for lower standards in 1975 than they had in 1974."

They were proposing to reduce the number of teachers, and to increase the amount spent on supplies by such miserly amounts that there would be fewer books and less equipment for an increased number of children.

"We must force deaf ears and blind eyes and unthinking people in local and national governments to recognize that the cure for economic ills does not lie in the sacrifice of little children", he said.

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Lack of middle management arises from rapid expansion of government work

Civil Service is bedevilled by an acute shortage of [illegible]

By Peter Hennessy

The expansion of central government activity in recent years has left the Civil Service with an acute shortage of manpower in its middle management grades, particularly at assistant secretary and principal levels. The Civil Service Commission is also finding it hard to recruit sufficient architects, accountants, lawyers, quantity surveyors, valuers and veterinary scientists for the specialist and professional grades.

The commission made a great effort last autumn to recruit 50 direct-entry principals, men and women aged between 28 and 52 from a variety of backgrounds, including the Armed Services and private industry. It managed to recruit only 33 principals from outside the service and 11 from its executive grades. The departments of trade and of industry are understood to have had many more vacancies at that level than they could fill.

The commission is expected to recruit 247 administrative trainees this year and about half of them will become principals within five years. Between April 1, 1973, and April 1, 1974, the number of principals in the Home Civil Service rose by 9 per cent, from 3,776 to 4,116.

Over the same period the number of assistant secretaries increased by 5½ per cent from 2,793 to 2,952. Establishment officers' estimate that the annual growth rate at those levels of the service is unlikely to drop below 4 per cent in the next few years.

In addition to the extra manpower demands created by a general increase in government activity under both Conservative and Labour Administrations, the needs of the post-Fulton Civil Service are felt most acutely at assistant secretary and principal levels, where men and women must be found to administer the substantial growth in personnel management and training services stimulated by the Fulton report.

The position is exacerbated by a "retirement bulge" which will increasingly affect most large government departments over the next decade.

The most recent analysis of age distribution, made by the Civil Service Department in 1972, showed that at assistant secretary, senior principal, principal and senior executive officer levels nearly four fifths of civil servants were 45 or older, and 16 per cent were aged between 55 and 59. The normal retiring age in the Civil Service is 60.

The bulge was caused by a drop in recruitment in the 1950s of those born between 1922 and 1932 after a substantial expansion in the immediate postwar years.

Judged by the bids for administrative trainees submitted by departments to the Civil Service Commission in recent months, the greatest demand for principals will come from the Department of the Environment, which bid for 45 (18 per cent of the expected 1975 entry); the Ministry of Defence, 40 (16 per cent); the departments of trade, industry and prices and consumer protection, which submit a joint bid, 24 (10 per cent); the Department of Health and Social Security, 20 (8 per cent); and the Department of Employment, 15 (6 per cent).

In its specialist and professional grades, the Civil Service is short of 180 architects and 133 veterinary scientists. Last year the service tried to recruit 123 accountants and found only 56. It had 110 vacancies for lawyers, only 86 of which were filled. Quantity surveyors and valuers are also in short supply.

Economic recession is the chief ally of the Civil Service Commission in remedying any shortage of specialist staff. As one senior civil servant put it: "Life for the commission is easier when things outside are not so good." The Civil Service Department is also considering training specialists in lines where [illegible] shortage, [illegible] France [illegible] represent a [illegible] the British [illegible]

The Govern[illegible] Land Bill, now [illegible] ment, is expected [illegible] still further the [illegible] lawyers and valuers. [illegible] mission also expects [illegible] a recruiting drive to [illegible] the needs of the National [illegible] prise Board when the [illegible] Bill has passed through [illegible] ment.

Neither operation, however, is expected to match the scale of recruitment needed to provide for the implementation of value-added tax, when the commission found an extra 6,000 staff of all grades for the Department of Customs and Excise last year. Once it has received instructions from the relevant government departments, the commission can normally provide the manpower needed for new ventures like the NEB within six months.



Anti-Shelepin demonstrators at the Soviet Embassy in London.

Monopoly may control North Sea phone links

By Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

To avoid the congested communication channel in the North Sea, British Petroleum has installed a system used so far for military networks to make its oil production platform, Graythorpe I, into an operations centre near Aberdeen.

Although commissioning trials with equipment costing more than £750,000 started last week, the company may be obliged shortly to hand it over to a new organization forming a monopoly agency of telecommunications in the North Sea. The new group, called Energy Communications Ltd, is working in collaboration with the Post Office: it is owned jointly by the other government telecommunications group, Cable & Wireless, and a commercial firm.

The intention is to acquire all the telecommunications links of the North Sea, which cost up to £2m for a large oil rig, and merge them into what would be an extension of the national network stretching 150 miles out to sea.

There are several reasons for resentment by oil companies, but the most important factor of their demand is that of maximum security. However, most of the connexions between oil platforms and bases in the United Kingdom come through shore stations operated by the Post Office. Since the Post Office has stated that it prefers to deal with the new agency rather than individual companies, the pressure to allow the monopoly to develop will be hard to resist.

Within five years, more than 40 production platforms are expected to be in service, demanding reliable telephone, telex and computer data transmission channels. There is a slightly different emphasis in the needs of exploration and the future unmanned production rigs: some of the most important information from the first type is transmission of facsimile pictures of recordings by instruments continually monitoring drilling conditions.

'Black Paper' proposal for seven-plus examination

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of a good education simply because others are less fortunate. It does not seem to me that the state should interfere to remove these blessings.

Selection must and will take place in education and those who banish rational methods of selection are simply favouring irrational and accidental ones. The children who will be lost for ever are the poor clever children with an illiterate background who on the "chance" system are being denied the right to strict academic education which can only be achieved on the basis of some sort of selection.

Why should socialist policy of all things be so grossly unjust to the underprivileged clever child, avid to learn, able to learn, and under non-selective education likely to pass in relaxed idle boredom those precious years when strenuous learning is a joy and when the whole intellectual and moral future of the human being is at stake?

Mr Kenneth Green, who has been headmaster of three comprehensive schools, including Pimlico School, London, explains from first-hand experience "why comprehensives fail".

He says that regrettably comprehensive schools have no academic goals and are exchanging excellence for mediocrity and creating a pool of frustration and deprivation among able children. "However, the writing is on the wall for all to see; the flight from the reorganized maintained sector has not only begun, it is becoming a flood."

It is impossible to have educational efficiency in a school on many sites. Many schools labelled comprehensive were mediocre and had no academic top. But he argues it will not be possible to achieve an academic top by abolishing the grammar and independent schools. Large agglomerations of schools cause indiscipline and truancy.

The great strength of the secondary modern school was its size. Difficult children were well known to staff and the numbers were small enough to be controlled. He says that comprehensive schools with more than 1,000 pupils begin to be counterproductive. The wide variety of staff qualifications and interests are nullified by the administrative difficulties.

Two anonymous teachers give spine-chilling accounts of their experiences. One who taught in an open-plan primary school, says the traffic of people was rather like teaching in the middle of Piccadilly Circus. About a fifth of the children were obviously going to be delinquent and violence was commonplace.

The second teacher, a girl fresh from college, says that she found herself in a tough London comprehensive with no back-up from the headmaster or deputy head, no head of department, no syllabus, a shortage of textbooks, trying to teach English to a class who could write "marvellously expressive poetry" but could not write anything like grammatically correct or fluent English.

Our department remained without a head for my first two terms and when one finally did arrive, the strain proved too much for him and he resigned on medical advice before the term was out.

In an article on "Can the Universities Survive", Professor Max Beloff, principal of the independent University College at Buckingham, says that the omens are "deeply unfavourable" and argues that it would be far better for a university to close down (or be closed down) rather than lower its standards by by-passing examinations or making any other concessions to the "enemies of academic freedom" by failing to protect a visitor or member of staff.

He writes: "The university can survive the loss of some universities—it cannot survive a large-scale defection from the ideas that are essential for its purpose."

Among other contributors, Mr Stuart Froome, the dissenting member of the Bullock committee, joins Mr George Weber, deputy director of the American Council for Basic Education, in demanding a return to formal teaching of reading based on phonic rather than "look-and-say" methods.

Mr Max Morris, a former president of the National Union of Teachers, commenting on the paper yesterday, said: "This is all back to the days of Mr Squeers and Dotheboys Hall. If they thought they would improve infant reading, they are one thousand miles from reality. We must train the teachers and provide the resources as a follow-up.

"The whole black paper is a thinly concealed device for massive cuts in education expenditure."

The paper is due to be published by J. M. Dent on April 21.

IRA dissidents to come out of hiding tonight

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The violent internal feud between the official IRA and the breakaway Irish Republican Socialist Party (IRSP), which has caused two deaths and 40 shooting incidents this year, may take a fresh turn at midnight tonight, when a deadline issued last week expires.

Between 40 and 50 members of the IRSP who have been hiding intend to obey a call by their leaders to return to their homes under the armed protection of an unnamed organization, which has offered to take their side.

The IRSP leadership has not revealed the identity of the group protecting it, although earlier speculation that it might be the Provisional IRA has been vehemently denied.

Army withdrawal sought: The Young Liberals yesterday called for an immediate end to internment in Northern Ireland and the withdrawal of troops to barracks, with all British forces to be withdrawn from Ulster eventually. The call was part of a motio passed on the last day of their annual conference, at Scarborough.

Mr Richard Burden, of the York Union of Liberal Students, said that the troops, far from keeping the peace had been shown to be an army of occupation.

Mr Rodney Smith, a Northern Ireland delegate, said the British Army had done nasty things in Northern Ireland, but the private armies had done much nastier ones.

Blockade organizers surprised by response

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pick up fuel supplies for the Orkneys and Shetland. A naval minesweeper returning from a long trip at sea passed up the Tyne without incident, and fishermen allowed The England to sail from Newcastle to Norway with holidaymakers, and its cargo of frozen Norwegian fish intact in its hold.

The Tyne blockade was also temporarily lifted to allow a training minesweeper, the Northumbria, to return to port after weekend exercises at sea.

The Port of Tyne Authority last night had affidavits sworn at Newcastle upon Tyne to support an application, possibly today, to a judge in chambers in London for an injunction to restrain fishermen from blockading the port.

Aberdeen harbour was almost deserted yesterday. About half of its 108 deep-sea trawling fleet was at sea. Most Aberdeen trawlers are owned by private companies and are not taking part in the blockade.

Returning Aberdeen trawlers will be allowed to unload and sell their catch but not to set sail again. A Polish trawler waiting outside Aberdeen harbour was not allowed through the blockade. About 300 tons of fish was sold at prices higher than average on the Aberdeen quayside yesterday morning.

Nearly all active Norwegian oil supply ships had left Aberdeen harbour over the weekend. Most oil companies expect to feel the effects of the blockade before the end of the week.

Mr Ray Burrow, materials and transport coordinator for Burmah Oil North Sea, which is based in Aberdeen, said: "We had all the materials we need out there for drilling. We shipped out food last Friday night. We reckon our boats can stay out for another fortnight if they have to."

The fishermen's action committee takes great pains to emphasize they it represents independent operators who are not members of trade unions. The committee has not sought assistance from the National Union of Seamen.

Mr Harry Bygate, secretary of the Aberdeen branch of the Seamen's Union, said: "They are doing fine on their own. Obviously as seafarers we feel for them and wish them well."

Mr Hay appeared a little surprised yesterday at the widespread and spontaneous response of the country's inshore fishermen to the blockade. "As a committee we were not going to do this on quite such a big scale. But we were forced to do it by the fishermen. This was all voluntary. We did not have to force our skippers. It was done peacefully, quietly and very efficiently", he said.

Ministry "regret": The fishermen's action was regretted by a spokesman of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Staff Reporters write). He said it did not seem the best way of helping towards easing difficulties which the Government recognized.

The first casualty of the blockade was a fishing vessel, the Prince Igor, which was in collision with an 8,000-ton collier in the Tyne. It is understood that both vessels were steaming up river, the collier to take on coal and the fishing vessel to take up a position in the blockade across the river.

A motor vessel carrying 600 tons of malting barley to north [illegible] broke through a [illegible] in the Cromarty Firth [illegible] Gordon. The Union [illegible] It is London-owned [illegible] tered in Singapore. [illegible] er way between 70 [illegible] ing the way out of [illegible]

[illegible] der to fishing boat [illegible] and their blockade [illegible] in the Court of [illegible] burgh, this week [illegible] of the Ulster Sea [illegible] Association are expected to launch a blockade of the three main ports in the province today.

Fleetwood's inshore fishermen had abandoned plans to blockade Li[illegible] because of a rough [illegible] east, and concentrated [illegible] ng three other por[illegible] Preston, and their o[illegible]

Webb takes chess [illegible]

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

Birmingham

With an impressive victory over the British champion, Botterill, in round 5 of the premier tournament at Edgbaston, Simon Webb took over the lead from grandmaster Matulovic.

Webb has four points, and Matulovic, who has 3½ points with one game, against Cafferty, adjourned, looks likely to have considerable difficulties in winning the adjourned position.

The junior world champion, Tony Miles, is in third place with 3½ points.

Mestel, who drew an evenly contested game in that round with grandmaster Damjanovic, has three points, with one game in hand.

Results in round 6: Cafferty against Matulovic adjourned (Sicilian def); Botterill (Q. St. Webb (QP Bernoni def. defence); Jansenvic Miles (Sicilian def); Castle against Chedzoy adjourned (Queen pawn opening); Damjanovic v. Mestel (French def.); Carlton against Speight (Sicilian def.); Hamper and Rose adjourned (King Lopez); Hall v. Wund (Robatsch def).

Adjourned games results, round 4: S. Webb (Caro-Kann def.) Basic [illegible]; Rasa[illegible]

Tie-breaker needed: [illegible] in the seventh and [illegible] the West of Bu[illegible] ships at Weybridge, [illegible] were no changes in the positions yesterday (a Ch[illegible] respondent writes). Britis[illegible] ters P. H. Clarke and A. [illegible] and junior international p[illegible] remained in joint first pla[illegible] the tie-breaking system ha[illegible] applied. Clarke, who [illegible] throughout and after the [illegible] opposition, thus gaining [illegible] narrowest of margins [illegible] previously held [illegible] 69 and 1970.

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Bonifacio [illegible] Lowe
Meade [illegible]
Adjourn[illegible]
Clarke [illegible] Lowe
6. Meade [illegible]
Final

5½: Rosbuck and Taunton; 5: Lane, Bonifacio, Clarke, Northeast; 4½: Wright and Bontface; 4: [illegible] and Snow; 3½: [illegible]

Foreigners carry the day in bridge contest

By Our Bridge Correspondent

Foreign pairs carried the day in the Guardian bridge pairs championship, the British heat of the Philip Morris Europe Cup, which ended last night. The tournament is on a grand prix formula with heats in each of 10 countries. Prize money on offer to the pairs with the best overall performance is £15,000.

Leading positions in the London heat were:

1, P. Sunderlin and S. E. Bergelmo (Sweden); 2, J. Orsali and L. Tintner (France); 3, G. Leppert and L. Rumeberg (England and Finland); 4, M. Hoffman and Miss J. Forte (England); 5, J. Stannies and R. Sharples (England); 6, Mrs R. Markus and Mrs F. Gordon (England).

With three heats remaining, the British pair, Mrs Markus and Mrs Gordon, reigning world women champions, are in second place beyond the French pair, Dr and Mrs B. Romanet.

50p pound within a year, shadow minister fears

Within a year the pound could be worth little more than half its 1974 value if the present rate of inflation continues, Mrs Oppenheim, Opposition spokesman on consumer affairs, told a conference of party workers in her Gloucester constituency yesterday.

She said that even the Government, only recently awakened from its perilous complacency to the bleak reality of hyperinflation, "are at last beginning to acknowledge the failure of the social contract and the possibility of national bankruptcy".

She added: "In the face of their total failure to moderate a catastrophic rise in the cost of living, the Government must state how what they propose to do, and whether or n[illegible] only remaining weapon [illegible] inflation is in fact the [illegible] unemployment that son[illegible] ernment ministers have [illegible] at."

Pensioners' plight: Pe[illegible] are affected more severe[illegible] other people by fuel p[illegible] creases, Age Concern sa[illegible] protest against the high[illegible] tricity charges payable today.

"The average pension[illegible] for fuel, light and power[illegible] portion of his expenditure[illegible] is twice that paid by a y[illegible] person.

Since Labour came to[illegible] in February, 1974, the p[illegible] electricity has risen by [illegible] cent, it says, but pensior[illegible] have risen by less tha[illegible]

Talks on 'Mirror' dispute

By Our Labour Editor

Peace talks aimed at ending the dispute between the International Publishing Corporation and the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat), which halted London printing of the Daily Mirror and other newspapers in the group, are being held today under the auspices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

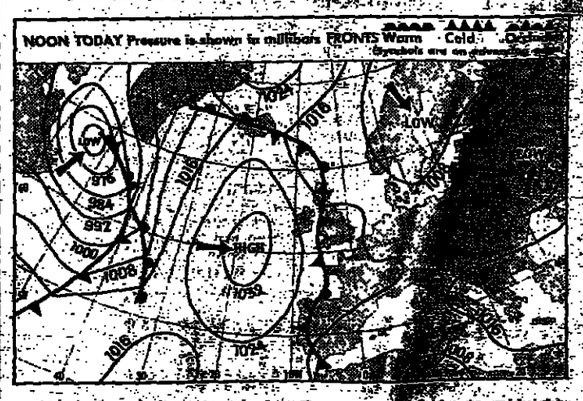
Mr Percy Roberts, chief executive of the Mirror group, is to discuss the company's proposal for a non-automatic replacement clause to be written into the next pay agreement for drivers and warehousemen, with Mr William Keys, general secretary of Sogat. The arbitration service will not be present at the meeting, but will be standing by.

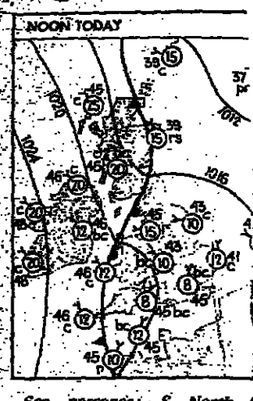
Cruise liner to be withdrawn

A Shaw Savill pas[illegible] liner, Ocean Monarch, is withdrawn from service [illegible] June and her summer [illegible] programme cancelled be[illegible] of operational difficu[illegible] according to a statement the company yesterday.

Shaw Savill's other passe[illegible] liner, Northern Star, will [illegible] out her scheduled cruise [illegible] gramme.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.38 am. Sun sets: 7.33 pm
Moon rises: 1.3 am. Moon sets: 9.23 am
Last Quarter: April 3.
Lighting up: 8.3 pm to 6.5 am.
High water: London Bridge, 5.53 am, 7.3m (23.8ft); 6.14 pm, 6.9m (23.5ft). Avonmouth, 11.20 am, 12.6m (41.4ft); 11.36 pm, 12.2m (39.9ft). Dover, 2.55 am, 6.4m (21.1ft); 3.17 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Hull, 10.11 am, 6.9m (22.5ft); 10.37 pm, 6.7m (22.1ft). Liverpool, 3.9 am, 9.0m (29.4ft); 3.31 pm, 8.6m (28.2ft).

A trough of low pressure will move S to the N streamed covering the British Isles.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F
Algiers	c 25	77	Nairobi	c 23	73
Amsterdam	f 8	46	Nassau	s 24	75
Athens	s 21	70	Nice	s 14	57
Barcelona	s 20	68	Oslo	f 3	37
Beirut	s 21	70	Paris	f 7	45
Belfast	r 7	45	Perth	f 9	48
Berlin	f 2	36	Prague	f 4	39
Bermuda	s 20	68	Reykjavik	c 0	32
Biarritz	f 14	57	Rhodes	s 21	70
Birmingham	r 8	46	Rome	f 14	57
Blackpool	r 7	45	Salzburg	f 5	41
Bordeaux	f 14	57	Singapore	s 31	88
Brussels	s 9	48	Stockholm	s 2	36
Bucharest	f 9	48	Tel Aviv	s 27	81
Cardiff	r 8	46	Tenerife	s 23	73
Channel Is	s 11	52	Valencia	s 17	63
Copenhagen	f 3	37	Vienna	c 4	39
Corfu	s 19	66	Warsaw	c 4	39
Dublin	r 7	45	Zurich	c 5	41
Edinburgh	r 6	43			
Faro	s 20	68			
Frankfurt	f 5	41			
Geneva	s 13	55			
Gibraltar	s 19	66			
Glasgow	r 6	43			
Guernsey	s 11	52			
Helsinki	f 1	34			
Innsbruck	f 5	41			
Jersey	s 11	52			
Las Palmas	f 23	73			
Lisbon	f 17	63			
Locarno	f 13	55			
London	f 8	46			
Luxembourg	c 7	45			
Madrid	c 16	61			
Majorca	s 19	66			
Malaga	s 21	70			
Manchester	r 7	45			
Moscow	c 10	50			
Munich	sn 0	32			

Forecast for 24 hours from midnight: London and East England and East Anglia, sunshine, a few showers of rain or sleet, chiefly in E; wind N, mainly moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F).

E, central and central N England, Borders, Edinburgh and E Scotland: Sunshine, a few showers of rain or sleet, chiefly in E; wind N, mainly moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Glasgow, S and SW England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Some sunshine, mainly dry; wind N, light or moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: E districts will be rather cold and cloudy, with rain at times and sleet on hills, but W areas may become mainly dry with sunny intervals and temperatures near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind N, fresh to strong; sea moderate or rough.

English Channel (E): Wind N, moderate or fresh; sea moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 10°C (50°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 1°C (34°F). Humidity, 7 am, 89 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 9 am, 0.01in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 6.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,000 millibars, rising.

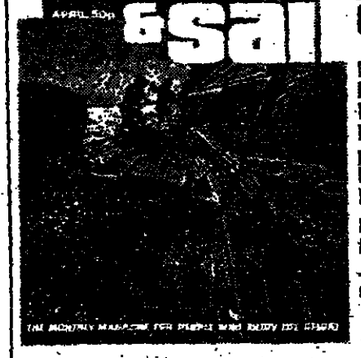
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Overseas selling prices: Republic of Ireland [illegible]; Austria, Sch 16; Belgium, [illegible]; Channel Islands, 7p; Denmark, Kr 2.50; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Fr 2.80; Germany, DM2.50; Greece, Dr 50; Holland, fl 2.25; Italy, 600; Luxembourg, Fr 28; Malta, 9d; Morocco, Esc 15; Malta, 9d; Norway, Kr 2.50; Portugal, Esc 17.50; Spain, Pes 125; Sweden, Skr 2.50; Switzerland, F 2.50.

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Prison arson 'reprisal' for seizure of alcohol'

By Stewart Tendler

Arson attacks in Albany high security prison, Isle of Wight, are believed to have been made by prisoners taking revenge for the seizure of gallons of home-made alcohol.

Two fires broke out in television lounges in A and D blocks on Sunday. Yesterday a third started in B block after a television set had caught fire.

During the day detectives from Hampshire Constabulary led by Det Chief Inspector William Durrant began an investigation and interviewed prisoners.

Sources report that in the past few weeks prison officers have seized several caches of alcohol, bringing the amount found since Christmas to nearly 30 gallons.

The fires have apparently been started as a reprisal by prisoners who made incendiary devices from materials used for hobbies. Combustible materials such as paint thinner can be taken from the workshops because prisoners are allowed to work on their hobbies in their cells.

Winchester inquiry: At Winchester jail, where prison officers have called for the replacement of Mr Frank Leisching as governor, an investigation is to be carried out by the Home Office Prisons Department.

The staff passed by 114 votes to nil a resolution of no confidence in Mr Leisching because he said he was "too soft".

The result, the men maintained, was that discipline had dropped to a dangerous level. The officers complain that they had been injured while restraining violent prisoners who had been freed from close confinement by Mr Leisching.

A prisoner at Winchester is reported to have written to the Home Office giving a warning that if Mr Leisching stays riots may occur.

The man, who was a prisoner in Parkhurst during riots there, said that stricter discipline was needed.

Yesterday the Prison Officers' Association said its executive was looking into the situation at Winchester.



Giant jigsaw: A 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle, 30ft by 24ft, said to be the largest in the world, being put together in Trafalgar Square, London, yesterday. National Children's Home officials hope it will raise £1m from sponsors, each piece representing £1,000 in donations.

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TUC attacks 'dramatized' TV reports of strikes

By Our Labour Staff

Criticism of the way strikes and other industrial news are presented on television is expressed in the TUC's evidence to the Annan committee on the future of broadcasting, published today.

The TUC says unions are often dissatisfied with the way issues in which they have been involved are reported. A general impression was that industrial matters were subject to a "journalistic simplification and over-dramatization" when covered on television.

As an example, the TUC quotes the use of film of scenes of violence at picket lines, or clashes of extreme points of view, which are thought to make more interesting news than carefully balanced verbal analyses.

To help to achieve a balance, the TUC recommends closer contact between broadcasting authorities and unions and an experiment with programmes showing the political or social points of view of particular groups or sections of society.

It favours allocation of a fourth television channel to cultural, educational, or minority interests, or for the development of regional programmes, rather than to commercial companies.

Attempt to widen dock strike

By Our Labour Editor

Militant London shop stewards will attempt today to carry out their threat to spread the port's four-week-old unofficial strike to the rest of Britain.

Their prime target is Hull, where the London stewards will address a meeting of the port's two thousand dock workers this morning. They will ask the men to join in the stoppage that is holding up a large sector of the United Kingdom export trade.

Partly because of a complicating local factor in the shape of a threatened strike by crane drivers in the city's docks, the London strike leaders are cautiously optimistic that their attempt to spread the stoppage will prove successful. If Hull swings behind the lead from London there is a serious risk that other militant ports such as Liverpool will follow suit.

But if Hull declines to back the unofficial strike, its days must be numbered. London strikers are not expected to hold out much longer without backing from other ports.

Plan for Co-op shops to help all-women firm

Five hundred delegates at the Brighton conference of the Co-operative Party voted unanimously yesterday to press for orders for the 30 women workers of Fakenham Enterprises, Norfolk, after hearing that the worker-owned company is in danger of collapse within a week.

The party is the political wing of the Co-operative movement which has 250 shops and an annual turnover of £1,500m. Earlier at the conference, delegates had voted in favour of using government funds to help workers to take control of failing businesses.

Yesterday they agreed to an emergency resolution, tabled by the Greater Nottingham party, which called on delegates to demand that their local societies should stock leather goods from Fakenham Enterprises, which is run solely by women. The motion, supported by 14 other delegations, was moved by Mr Fred Higgins.

Fakenham Enterprises began with a sit-in three years ago when the women workers were threatened with redundancy. The subsequent publicity won them orders, Mr Higgins said, but the recession had led large manufacturers to withdraw, and the firm no longer had work or cash.

Mr Higgins urged delegates to ask their buyers to place immediate orders to save the Fakenham enterprise. Many delegates chair the managing bodies of local societies.

Mr David Wise, Co-operative Party general secretary, said the executive committee would consider a report on the firm in two weeks' time.

On the last day of the four-day conference delegates also voted for a resolution stating that the growth of private hospitals in National Health Service hospitals might deprive the service of staff. The resolution expressed concern at the number of beds closed because of staff shortages.

Delegates voted by a large majority in favour of a Birmingham resolution calling on all parliamentary parties to introduce a joint scheme to help pensioners. Retirement for both sexes at the age of 60 was also called for.

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...outhwark: A declining population and vanishing jobs

...al authorities have imposed ...Nard rate increases in 1975-76, ...oving up to more than a half. The Times looked at two local ...rities, the London Borough ...outhwark, an inner city ...t dominated by Labour, ...lumpshire, a large and ...unty that is Conservative-controlled. In these articles Peter Scott describes how they approached the task of drawing up budgets and fixing a rate in a period of inflation and austerity.

Southwark, as an inner London borough, is in the front line of the struggle by local authorities to keep rate increases within reasonable proportion yet continue to satisfy the pressing demand for their services, particularly in housing and social welfare.

The borough, stretching from the Thames to Crystal Palace, suffers from the usual disabilities of an inner city district. The population declined by more than 50,000 during the 1960s. Fifty thousand families live in council housing (32,000 in borough council, 18,000 in GLC property), one of the highest proportions in London. Industry has moved out, taking jobs and rate revenue.

Demand for the council's services continues to increase. Southwark leads London boroughs in the number of registered handicapped inhabitants, and of council places for the infirm and mentally ill. That pattern of social deprivation and lack of revenue buoyancy in a time of inflation is a crushing combination.

Southwark's burden is illustrated by the council's rising expenditure. In 1973-74 it was £16.7m. The estimate for 1974-75 was £20.9m but inflation forced that up to £25.7m. The 1975-76 estimate of £29.2m makes no allowance for future inflation.

So in three years spending will have almost doubled in cash terms, although the increase in real terms has been only 9 per cent a year. The inevitable result has been huge rate increases, with a rise by 38.5 per cent for next year.

Mr Peter Cather, chairman of the borough's general purposes and finance committee, regards that increase as in "a reasonable level". He pointed out that it would have been higher if the council had not taken £3m from reserves, raised rents, and cut planned improvements by two fifths.

Mr S. T. Evans, chief executive and town clerk, explained: "It is a hallmark of good government not to panic. We did not want a slashing of services without a great deal of thought."

Mr John O'Grady, leader of the council, agreed. "A local authority of this size is not a skiff that can change direction at a touch of the tiller. It is more like a tanker that takes 10 miles to stop or change direction", he said.

Yet the council had no alternative to retrenchment. Even before the Government laid down a 4 per cent growth limit on increases in local authority spending, Southwark had anticipated the present troubles. Its policy and resources committee adopted a 4 per cent limit as a tentative guideline last July.

In November the seven spending committees submitted proposals for growth costing £2m, including about £840,000 for inescapable commitments. The policy and resources committee cut the £2m to £1.2m.

That left a pool of £360,000 to finance what Mr Cather called "a limited number of proposals of particular importance or urgency". In real terms that means that the 1975-76 budget is 4.6 per cent higher than expenditure in the present year. If inescapable commitments are discounted, the real increase is 1.2 per cent.

In asking for £2m the seven committees submitted new developments worth £1.16m. The policy and resources committee asked the other committees to cut that total to £250,000.

Details of the reduced programme were hammered out at meetings around Christmas. It was not a painless process. Cuts included £25,000 on a community law service, £39,000 on street cleaning, lighting and baths, £60,000 on environmental improvements, and £100,000 on new staff.

Ultimate decisions about where cuts should fall were left to individual committees, but they were told that new developments must be paid for only from cuts in existing services, higher charges, or the £360,000 pool.

In a fundamental reassessment of priorities, every committee was asked to make a searching examination of its work and produce an interim report by July. They were told that the increase in council expenditure in 1976-77 and 1977-78 would be not more than 4 per cent a year in real terms.

Hampshire: Walking a tightrope on schools and traffic

Hampshire County Council will spend almost £60m more in 1975-76 than in the current year, an increase in cash terms of almost a third. The rate will be increased by more than a fifth.

Yet in the Alice in Wonderland world of double-digit inflation this is virtually a standstill budget. The real growth of expenditure will be less than 4 per cent. When continuing and inescapable commitments are subtracted, the money for real improvement is measured in fractions of 1 per cent.

For example, the education committee's budget of £125m for 1975-76 is 3.4 per cent more in real terms than its current budget. But inescapable commitments such as the additional school places that must be provided for 1,130 extra children eat up 3.3 per cent. So the extra money in real terms available for the development of the education service is only one thousandth of the present budget.

Lord Porchester, the Independent chairman of the Conservative-controlled county council, said: "We have to walk a tightrope between the burden on the ratepayer and the efficiency of the service. If inflation continues, there is nothing that an authority like Hampshire can do except batten down the hatches."

The budget of the education committee is most typical because it allows for no overall 'improvement' and most significant because it accounts for more than half of the council's total expenditure.

In fact education in Hampshire is in a position of steady state. There will be no deterioration of basic services. The existing teacher/pupil ratio will be maintained, and the allowance for building maintenance has been increased by £386,000.

On the other hand development of the education service has been practically halted. There will be no further expansion of nursery education, a decision that was vigorously opposed by the Labour opposition. Fees in further education will be increased. Less will be spent on heating, lighting and cleaning.

The budgets of other committees show a similar balance between modest improvements and modest cuts. A hundred extra policemen will be employed, but 20 jobs for traffic wardens will be left unfilled. Higher library charges are being considered by the recreation committee.

Hampshire saw the need to put the brakes on the growth of council expenditure almost a year ago. Expenditure in the current year had been fixed originally at £170m, but inflation pushed the total to £190m.

So last summer the council instructed its six committees to draw up lean budgets for 1975-76 which allowed only for the honouring of existing commitments and for essential development for the future. This preliminary exercise indicated that the council's budget for the coming year would have to be between 7 and 8 per cent higher, in real terms, than in 1974-75.

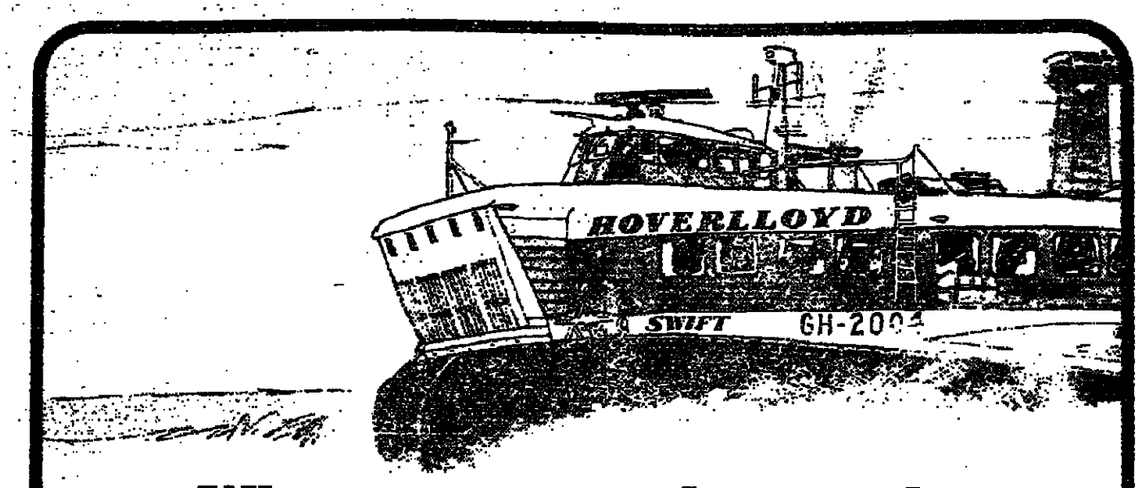
Mr B. Dufton, the county treasurer and acting chief executive, said: "The Government was then talking about 2 per cent or even nil growth in real terms, so the policy and resources committee decided that very stringent budgeting indeed was necessary in 1975-76."

Committees were then asked to estimate the effect of restraining the growth of next year's budget to 2 per cent. They reported back unanimously that in that case a whole range of present commitments could not be met.

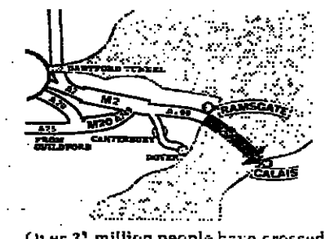
Mr Dufton added: "The committees were next told to draw up very detailed 'commitments' budgets. In the light of the more relaxed government attitude—4 rather than 2 per cent growth—the policy and resources committee asked for budgets next year to be drawn up on the basis of inescapable commitments, plus a very small margin for development."

Then policy and resources had to assign priorities. Lord Porchester explained the difficulty of this exercise: "It is very hazardous to make subjective judgments about priority between committees. How does one weigh a new police station against an old people's home?"

This difficulty about priorities reflects the fact that Hampshire, like most counties, lacks the quality of political centralization found in many cities. There is less emphasis on prior decisions taken by the controlling party in group meetings and more on debate in the council and its committees. This lack of a strong political centre also enhances the baronial autonomy of committees.



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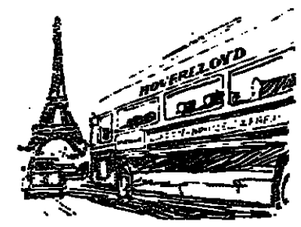
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HOME NEWS

Hopes of reprieve for tied-cottage system are dashed

By David Leigh

Hopes among farmers that the Government would reconsider its pledge to abolish tied *cottages appear to* have been dashed.

It had been hoped that completion of the first full-scale independent survey of the tied cottage system would persuade the Government to look again at the issue. But Whitehall has said there are to be no farmer-farmworker talks on the implications of the report through the Agricultural Wages Board.

The survey was commissioned by the Ministry of Agriculture in the last Conservative Administration from the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations.

The institute's confidential report says 46 per cent of farmers do not believe they can manage unless their employees live on the farm. But only 25 per cent of farmworkers believe it is essential for their jobs that they should do so.

The Labour Government is committed to abolition of tied cottages by bringing them under the security of tenure provisions of the Rent Act. There is no doubt that the National Union of Agricultural Workers would bring heavy pressure to bear on Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, and Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, if it thought the Government was willing to reopen the issue.

A report by the Shelter organization has called on the Government to phase out the entire tied housing sector, instead of just farm cottages.

The Tavistock Institute's report, based on interviews of 300 farmers and 800 farmworkers throughout Britain, paints an authoritative picture of the system, which the farmworkers' union calls a "feudal relic", holding down wages, promoting servility and leading to distress. The National Farmers' Union says tied cottages are essential to retain labour and work farms efficiently.

Half of Britain's farmworkers, 90,000 people, live in tied cottages, the report says. In the south-east, where housing difficulties are most acute, the figure is 66 per cent. In Scotland it is 69 per cent.

More than 70 per cent of dairy cowmen, other stockmen and farm managers live in tied cottages, most of which are more than 50 years old.

But the number of farm cottages in use for housing workers is only 54 per cent of the total. Of 170,000 cottages, 19 per cent are let to non-farmworkers; 14 per cent to retired workers; and 4 per cent to farmers' relatives. The figure includes 15,000 houses (9 per cent) standing empty.

In 1973-74, the report estimates, there were 1,500 threatened cases of eviction from tied cottages. Although workers in tied cottages did not work longer hours, they were more likely to be called out in emergencies. Only 16 per cent had any deduction from their wages for rent, and then it was a nominal sum.

One figure in the report that is bound to be controversial is the average value of £10,000 put on farm cottages by the farmers. The report says the figures seem to have been borne out by local property prices in the areas concerned at the time. But farmworkers are bound to be sceptical, especially in view of the collapse of the second-home market.

The report notes that 44 per cent of people interviewed have considered buying their own homes. Only 6 per cent thought they could afford to do so if they stayed in their present jobs.

Threshold call for the lower paid

Pay rises under the social contract, together with Phase Three threshold payments, have favoured low-paid workers, a study published today in the Low Pay Unit's *Bulletin* says.

The study looked at 82 major national agreements for workers earning less than the TUC target minimum during the period March 1, 1974, to February 28, 1975.

It found that: "During the year since March, 1974, 62 of the 82 wage settlements gave workers on the basic rate below £30 a week an increase greater than the 27.5 per cent estimated increase in basic weekly wage rates for all workers.

"However, low-paid workers were not so favourably treated by free collective bargaining if the threshold agreements are ignored. Only 43 of the 82 settlements gave workers on the basic rate an above average increase when compared with the increase going to all workers excluding threshold payments."

The *Bulletin*'s leading article notes that since the autumn very few settlements have included threshold payments. It says: "Given the present concern about the level of wage settlements, this new trend may be sensible for the country, may be sensible for most workers, but it is certainly not satisfactory for the low-paid. . . .

"By far the most effective way of safeguarding the living be sensible for most workers, and of improving their relative position, is to continue some form of threshold payments. Alternatively, the Government can instruct those negotiating bodies, particularly wages councils, which reach settlements affecting Britain's lowest-paid workers, to meet every quarter. . . ."

EEC REFERENDUM

Campaign by Young Socialists for pull-out

The Young Socialists' annual conference at Blackpool yesterday voted for a campaign against the EEC in the June referendum and called for a united socialist Europe instead.

Delegates backed a resolution from the Bideford branch, Devon, declaring: "The EEC is an organization of Western European capitalism interested only in the furtherance of big business and profit throughout Europe at the expense of the European working class."

The resolution urged a campaign to reject the EEC on what it called capitalist terms and based on the slogan "Common Market, No—United Socialist Europe, Yes". It also backed an amendment urging the national committee to start a national campaign against the EEC with the aid of other working-class organizations.

It was introduced by Mr Richard Kilbride, of Bideford, who said the EEC was nothing more than a club hostile to the beliefs of the Labour movement throughout Europe.

Miss Nicki Stephens, of the Wood Green branch, London, said: "We must say openly that the Labour Government, by recommending a 'Yes' vote, has scabbed on the working class."

Tory MP says Europe not a party issue

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Marten, Conservative MP for Banbury, and chairman of the National Referendum Campaign, the umbrella organization for those opposing Britain's continued membership of the EEC, said yesterday that he welcomed the stand of the Conservative Party leadership against Conservatives who want to use the referendum as a means of getting rid of Mr Wilson and the Labour Government.

There was a double edge to his comments, however. He said: "The referendum should not become a party political issue. We saw far too much of those tactics the last time round, when the then Conservative Government threatened to resign if it did not get its way.

"As a result of that threat, addressed to its own supporters in Parliament, it got a majority of only eight on the vital second reading of the European Communities Bill. If it had not made it a matter of party survival on that vote, I doubt if we would have joined the Common Market."

Recalling what Mr Heath said in 1971 about getting the consent of the British people, Mr Marten added that that Commons vote certainly did not represent the necessary "full-hearted consent" of Parliament. "I welcome the change of heart by leading pro-Market Conservatives who now say that the issue stands far above party politics", he said. "I have always taken that view, and as chairman of the National Referendum Campaign, the all-party anti-Market organization, I will continue to do so.

"I hope that those who vote in the referendum will do so solely on the issue of whether membership of the Common Market is right or wrong."

He was commenting on reports that some anti-Europeans had been suggesting that it was more important to force Labour out of office than to vote "Yes" in the referendum. Their theory is that the Government would collapse under the weight of a massive "No" vote.

Mr Marten and others will try to amend the Referendum Bill so that the free literature distributed to voters in advance is not unfairly weighted on the side of the pro-Europeans. The present proposal is that every household should receive three separate leaflets: one produced by the Government, giving the case of the Cabinet majority for staying in; one produced by the pro-EEC umbrella organization, Britain in Europe; and the other from the National Referendum Campaign giving the case for withdrawal.

Mr Marten said yesterday that that arrangement would be grossly unfair, providing an imbalance of two to one in favour of those arguing the pro-European case. "The referendum must be seen to be fair and balanced", he said. "If there is any juggling with the date of the referendum to suit the pro-Marketeers, or if the distribution of free literature is two to one in favour of the pro-Europe case, and the result is a 'Yes' verdict, it will not be accepted by the anti-Marketeers."

The Government's document will be a summary of the white Paper published last Thursday which has been criticized by some anti-EEC MPs as biased and in some respects misleading about the result of renegotiation.

The two campaigning organizations have been asked to let Mr Short, Leader of the House, have their "manifestos", each containing two thousand words, by April 11. That, Mr Short's officials have explained, is the deadline if the documents are to be circulated in time for the referendum in the second half of June.

Meanwhile, the dissenting ministers have to reconcile themselves to the interim ruling by Mr Wilson that they will not be allowed to put the anti-EEC case from the back benches during the three-day Commons debate next week. Those ministers will reserve their ammunition for meetings outside Parliament when the referendum campaign opens in earnest.

There are, apparently one or two junior ministers who are chafing at the restriction, but my inquiries yesterday showed that senior ministers are quite content.

A senior minister told me that he would even refuse to take part in a television or radio discussion if he found that another member of the Labour Party had been invited to debate against him. He believes that such open confrontations might be used to damage the image of the party.

A joint statement by the seven dissenting ministers, led by Mr Wedgwood Benn and Mr Shore, commenting on last week's White Paper, had been expected. Apparently, however, they feel that each minister should develop his own case on the sections of the White Paper that particularly concern him.

The revised guidelines for the conduct of ministers have not yet been circulated. They will be made known by Mr Wilson in a parliamentary written answer next week.



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Challenge over finances

By a Staff Reporter

The Get Britain Out Campaign has challenged its rival organization, Keep Britain in Europe, to disclose its financial sources.

Mr Christopher Frere-Smith, chairman of Get Britain Out, yesterday released a copy of a letter he had sent to Sir Con O'Neill, director of Keep Britain in Europe.

It pointed out that Mr Frere-Smith's organization had decided some time ago to disclose its income and source, as well as its expenditure, but added that Sir Con's campaign and its affiliated bodies had made no such disclosure.

"The public does not know, because it is not told, what your income is or where it comes from", the letter added. "What we do know is that it is in millions and your expenditure vast. It must surely be in the public interest that there should be frankness on both sides: otherwise people inevitably will think that you have something to hide.

"The electorate is entitled to know, for example, the sums of money that you receive and if any is from multinational companies that owe no allegiance to this country. I should be grateful if you would consider this request as soon as possible."

Sir Con O'Neill said last night that he had not yet received the letter and would make no comment until he had.

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WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS



Mr Ioannis Papatheodorou, a Socialist lawyer, casts his vote in the local elections on Sunday in which he was elected mayor of Athens.

Opposition successes in Greek local elections

Athens, March 31.—Candidates supported by opposition parties won the mayoralties in Athens, Patras, Volos and Heraklion, in Crete, in yesterday's local government elections, officials said today. They failed to capture an overall majority in Salonica, Piraeus and in 77 other municipalities where run-off elections will be held next Sunday.

In Athens, Mr Ioannis Papatheodorou, a Socialist lawyer, won 53.5 per cent of the vote against 37.6 per cent for his main opponent, Mr George Plytas, the conservative former mayor and resistance leader.

The victory of opposition-supported candidates in most big towns may create problems for the Government of Mr Karamanlis, some observers said today. Local authorities hostile to the Government might upset smooth cooperation

Most of the candidates for mayors supported by the opposition Centre Union, Socialist and Communist parties either won outright, or received enough votes to be certain of victory next Sunday. Only the two candidates with the largest number of votes will take part in the run-off.

The elections for 264 mayors and 5,761 heads of smaller communities were the first since July 1964.

The Government refused to nominate its own candidates, but opposition parties put up theirs in an effort to turn the elections into a test of their popularity.

They are certain to try to make capital out of their victory in an attempt to challenge the Government's overwhelming majority in Parliament where the ruling New Democracy Party holds 218 of the 300 seats.

Mr Stefanopoulos, the Minister of the Interior, said: "By not giving a political character to these elections the Government facilitated voters in choosing the best of the candidates."

Mr George Mavros, the leader of the Opposition Centre Union, said: "The victory of the democratic tickets throughout Greece should make the Government draw the necessary conclusions."

These were that "the results of the November 17, 1974 general elections do not express the will of the people."

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Socialist leader, said: "The people made their presence felt throughout Greece and set the foundations for the march towards de-juntization, people's sovereignty and national independence."—Reuter and UPI.

Giscard dinner call on young couple in Tours

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, March 31

President and Mme Giscard d'Estaing last night had dinner at the home in Tours of an executive in a building materials firm and his wife. It was the third of the President's visits to a "typical French family".

M Gérard Bourgeois, the President's host, is 31 and a former chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Tours. He told reporters that when asked by his guest how he viewed the present state of the building industry, he replied that because of the economic crisis he was "hardly optimistic".

The President drove himself to their home from the country property he has some 25 miles away, and where he had spent most of the Easter holiday.

The subject of the President's own security had been among the topics discussed. M Giscard d'Estaing, his host recounted, had argued that the assassination of King Faisal of Saudi Arabia last week had shown how any system of bodyguards could always be circumvented.

Belgrade protest over shooting of envoy in France

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, March 31

In a protest Note handed to the Quai d'Orsay, Yugoslavia has demanded that the "most energetic measures" be taken to punish those responsible for Saturday's attempt on the life of Mr Mladen Djugovic, Yugoslav vice-consul in Lyons.

The vice-consul was today still in a dangerous condition after having been operated on for bullet wounds in the lungs and near the heart. Two men fired six shots at him as he entered the underground garage at his home.

The Yugoslavs suspect Croat separatists of the Ustachi movement, which was responsible for the killing of the Yugoslav Ambassador in Stockholm in 1971.

King of Sweden to be filmed at work

Stockholm, March 31.—The Royal Palace has said that it was financing a documentary film about King Carl Gustaf of Sweden, who is 28, to show how hard he is working. It will follow his activities for a year.—

Turkish crisis resolved by right-wing coalition

From Our Correspondent
Ankara, March 31

Mr Suleyman Demirel, the Prime Minister-designate, today announced the formation of his new Cabinet, comprising members from four right-wing Turkish parties.

Mr Demirel, the chairman of the Justice Party, thus returns to power four years after he was forced to step down from the prime ministership by the Turkish Army in a bloodless coup on March 12, 1971.

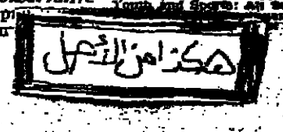
The formation of the new Cabinet came after weeks of wrangling in Parliament, as the four coalition partners were unable to obtain an absolute majority of 226 seats in the National Assembly.

The breakthrough in the six-month-old Government crisis came last week when 10 members of the right-wing Democratic Party resigned, pledging support for the coalition. With their backing, the new Government should theoretically obtain 228 votes in the 450-member National Assembly.

Mr Demirel's conservative Justice Party, the pr... National Salvation Par... the conservative Republican Reliance Party (RRP), and the extreme right-wing Nationalist Action Party (NAP) today signed the protocol defining their partnership.

The protocol, which is an outline of the new Government programme, promises strong anti-communist measures, economic and industrial progress, as well as anti-inflationary steps. Foreign policy remains unchanged.

The list of the new Turkish Government is as follows:
Prime Minister: Suleyman Demirel (JP)
Deputy Prime Ministers: Necmettin Erbakan (NSP); Turhan Feyzioglu (RRP); Alpaslan Turkes (NAP)
Ministers of State: Hasan Aksay (JP); Seyfi Ozsoy (JP); Metehan Kemal Bitlesen (NAP); Cevdet Sir (JP)
Justice: Ismail Muftuoglu (NSP)
Defence: Ferit Melen (RRP)
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Forestry: Turhan Kapelli (JP)
Youth and Sports: Ali Sevki Erez (JP)
[illegible]: Nejdet Akbas (JP)



Portuguese accused of 'criminal passivity' over Angola violence

Lisbon, March 31.—Dr. Antonio de Almeida Santos, the Portuguese Overseas Territories Minister, who has returned from Luanda, Angola, told journalists: "There is dynamite in people's thoughts there and any new incident could start a serious conflict."

But he was encouraged by the fact that the Alvor agreement reached last year between the three Angolan liberation movements had managed to survive. The Minister refused to apportion blame for incidents last week, when there were reports of more than 50 men of one liberation movement being executed by another.

"It is not for us to take sides. Each movement blames the other and it is possible that mistakes were made by each side."

When asked about keeping Portuguese troops in Angola after their scheduled date of departure—February, 1976—the Minister said that it was too early to make any decision, and it could be made only in agreement with the three liberation movements.

The leader of one of the movements said in Lisbon today that at least 200 people have been killed in the fighting.

Dr Agostinho Neto, chairman of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), accused the rival National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) of massacring civilians in Luanda.

"I do not know if all the bodies have been found or not; but I know that there were about 200 bodies in the morgues of Luanda alone," he told reporters. Dr Neto was making a stopover at Lisbon on the way from Luanda to Holland.

He also accused the Portuguese authorities in Angola of taking an attitude of criminal passivity towards the violence. He added: "Luanda is anxious, fearful and unsafe."

From Luanda there came reports of fresh shooting today despite Friday's agreement aimed at ending the fighting between the rival liberation movements. First reports said there was firing outside the headquarters of the FNLA.

Portuguese television reported last night that a motorized column of 500 FNLA troops had entered Luanda, giving them a clear military superiority and increasing the risk of further outbreaks of violence.

Several soldiers and civilians have been arrested in Mozambique after the discovery of a network of "reactionary" plotters, the Lisbon newspaper *O Seculo* said today. A report from its correspondent in Lourenço Marques said the conspirators plotted to seize arms from barracks and make clandestine landings along the Mozambique coast.

Other soldiers, who had been selling arms to civilians, also had been detained in the town of Nampula, in the interior. Senhor Jorge Correia Jesuino, the Information Minister, was unable to confirm the report, but he said reactionary forces were still active in Mozambique.

The Soviet Union has offered economic aid to Portugal, Major José Costa Martins, the Labour Minister, said today after a week-long visit to Russia. He also confirmed that President da Costa Gomes and Brigadier Vasco Gonçalves, the Prime Minister, had been invited to visit the Soviet Union.

The Minister did not mention a Soviet request for port facilities for its merchant fleet in Portuguese territory, which had caused concern among Portugal's Nato allies.—Agence France-Presse, Reuter and AP.

José Shercliff writes from Lisbon: Quoting Karl Marx, Che Guevara and Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the radical Bishop of Oporto, Mgr Antonio Gomes, made an urgent plea yesterday for an end to hatred. Mgr Gomes was exiled for 10 years by the Salazar regime for defending the rights of the poor, but was readmitted to Portugal by Dr Marcello Caetano.

Our Nairobi Correspondent writes: The presence in Tanzania this week of a delegation from the Portuguese Government, which is taking part in talks with the Frelimo-led Mozambique government on the final moves to that country's independence, is significant.

In view of arrangements made for Major Ernesto Antunes, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, to meet President Nyerere in Dar es Salaam, it appears to be only a matter of time before Tanzania removes the ban on diplomatic and trade contacts with Portugal which has been in force since Tanzania became independent in 1961.

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Britons in Spain to receive full pensions

Madrid, March 31.—Som... 5,000 British pensioners livin... in Spain will receive their pe... sions at United Kingdom curre... rates from tomorrow, accordin... to a social security agreemen... between Spain and Britain, ... British Embassy official said i... Madrid today.

The British Department o... Health and Social Security wa... informing the pensioners b... letter of the agreement. Unt... now Britain had frozen pension... at the rate in force when th... pensioner concerned took u... residence in Spain.

The agreement is the resu... of more than two years of nego... tiations. It also allows Spanis... workers in Britain to carry thei... social security contributions fo... ward from Spain and vice versa.

According to the official, th... agreement covers mainly indus... trial accidents, pensions an... death benefits for workers an... residents in the two countries. It does not give British tourist... the right to free medical treat... ment in Spain while on holiday... —Reuter.

Rising toll in Swedish rail crossing crash

Mjölby, March 31.—At leas... 14 passengers were killed, 3... injured, 10 of them seriously, ... and some 270 escaped unin... as a car smashed into a spee... ing express train, derailing ... near Mjölby, in the south ... Sweden, today, the Swedi... state railways announced.

Eyewitnesses report that th... car crashed into the Oresun... spilen express at an unguard... crossing, hitting it between th... second and third carriages. Vi... bility was said to be good. T... crossing was equipped with lig... and sound signals, but had ... gates. The train was travelli... at 80 mph.

Five of its 13 carriages we... thrown off the tracks. O... ended upside down in a ditc... two were 25 yards away on ... snowy field and two were acro... the tracks. Many passenge... were trapped under t... wreckage for up to three hou... the police said.

A number of the injured we... reported in critical condition ... hospitals and some were unde... going surgery. The authoriti... feared the toll might clim...

Alarm at spread of nuclear ability

By Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

An awesome catalogue has been produced of countries which have overcome the technical and financial barriers that hitherto prevented all but the major powers from becoming nuclear states.

There are more than 20 countries with the essential expertise and materials, and one or two a year will be added to the number over the next decade, according to a book, *The Nuclear Age*, compiled for the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute by Dr Frank Barnaby.

It provides for the first time in one publication the list of countries with strategic materials, the size of their stockpiles of plutonium and enriched uranium, and the processes by which they obtain them.

This vital information is providing a useful background for the forthcoming international conference in May charged with reviewing the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons treaty.

The purpose of the treaty was to prevent the emergence of further nuclear powers. America, Britain and Russia are the three nuclear powers that ratified the agreement, France and China have yet to do so.

Although India is the only country to have demonstrated subsequently an ability to conduct a nuclear explosion, in Dr Barnaby's view there are a number of other states which have accumulated the necessary material

Converting the skill to weapons technology is a political option, in his opinion, and for many of the countries the main political barrier is the non-proliferation treaty.

He urges a strengthening of the treaty without which t... proliferation of weapons, bas... on nuclear work started oste... sibly for peaceful uses, will ... rapid as the reactors design... for electricity generation ... duce increasing amounts of pl... tonium as a by-product.

Less than 10 kilograms ... plutonium are sufficient ... make a weapon; the world ... nuclear reactors will produc... about 25,000 kilograms of pl... tonium this year, and by 198... the production will exce... 80,000 kilograms a year.

All states should be able t... account, at all times, for th... vast majority of the plutoniu... and other fissile material i... their territory, he urges.

Dr Barnaby argues that th... development of bilateral agre... ments was intended as a sho... term solution. More effectiv... long-term safeguards to co... with the present spread of fi... sile materials have not be... satisfactorily devised, he claims.

Qu'y a-t-il au coeur de Lyon?

On April 18, The Times is planning to publish a Special Report on Lyons.

The Report will examine Lyons' role as the second largest city in France.

The Report will also survey Lyons' political scene, revealing how Lyons' politics have acquired a flavour all their own under two mayors, Edouard Herriot and Louis Pradel.

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Washington fears that Saigon may fall before spring is over

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, March 31

American officials are becoming increasingly worried that Saigon itself may fall to the communists this spring.

The disintegration of the South Vietnamese Army and the collapse of the Government's morale seem to have gone so far that it may prove impossible to construct an effective defence line around the capital.

American observers in the Pentagon and White House think that there is no hope of holding Qui Nhon, the country's third largest city, and Tuy Hoa, on the central coast. Although the South Vietnamese Government professes itself determined to hold a new line to the north of Ninh Hoa, few people here think that it can be done.

The international flotilla of ships gathering off the coast of Da Nang may now be diverted south to help the evacuation of Qui Nhon, if the communists leave it the time.

Two American naval ships are there already, the Frederick and the Durham, and two more will arrive tomorrow. Their total capacity is less than 6,000 people and even with ships of other nations and ships chartered by the Americans, there would be little hope of saving much of the population before the communists get there.

It is believed here that the South Vietnamese have lost at least $1,000m (£420m) worth of military equipment in the past three weeks. There should, however, be enough stockpiles of ammunition in the Saigon area to hold the line if the communists launch a major attack immediately.

If that happened, new supplies would be needed very quickly and the Administration would have to persuade Congress to permit the spending of very large sums on arms for Vietnam. However, its chances of winning the support of Congress are not very good and there would be no chance at all if the South Vietnamese collapse continues.

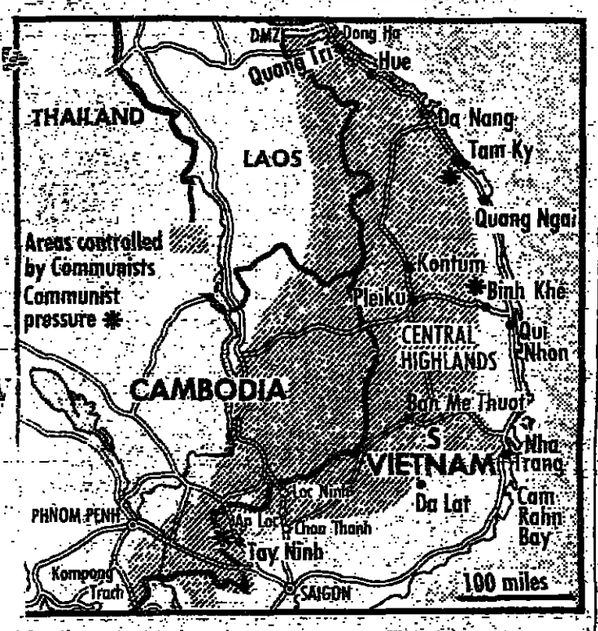
One reason for the collapse is that the South Vietnamese fear that the Americans have abandoned them. New American supplies might come too late.

The historic parallel most frequently remembered here is the collapse of Nationalist Chinese resistance to the communists in 1949. The *débacle* in France in 1940 is also quoted. Now, as then, there are no signs of the taxis of the Marne mobilizing for the defence of the capital.

The *Washington Post* observes this morning that the Administration has fallen victim to its own domino theory. Mr Ford and Dr Kissinger have stated repeatedly that the loss of one of America's friends, such as Cambodia or South Vietnam, would be disastrous to American credibility throughout the world.

In fact, there are no signs that the Russians or the Chinese intend to change their policies of détente because of events in South-East Asia, and Egypt found to its surprise that Israel resistance was strengthened, if anything, by events in Asia.

The communists will presumably be in Phnom Penh in a matter of days and will be at the gates of Saigon soon afterwards. Dr Kissinger may then find that his domestic and international position will be far weaker than if he had been less apocalyptic in his forecasts.



Lon Nol departure today for Jakarta

From Bruce Palling
Phnom Penh, March 31

President Lon Nol of Cambodia is expected to leave Phnom Penh tomorrow morning for Jakarta on board an Air Cambodge Caravelle, according to government sources.

The partially paralysed President will be accompanied by Mr Long Boret, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Industry and nearly 20 relatives and consultants, according to sources.

One senior Cabinet member said today that President Suharto of Indonesia had invited the President after difficulties had arisen over a similar request for him to visit Japan. "He knows, however, that he is going for the good of the country."

General Lon Non, the President's controversial younger brother, is said by some to be going as well, but without the President in the country he is not considered to be capable of exerting any power.

Cabinet sources concede that the President's departure is to bring about a more conducive climate for negotiations with Prince Norodom Sihanouk's Government in exile as well as possibly to encourage the United States to grant some increased military aid to Cambodia.

After two weeks or so in Jakarta, it is expected that President Lon Nol will proceed to Hawaii for medical treatment while Mr Boret will return to Cambodia. "It is hard to read Lon Nol's mind, but I would say he knows that his journey will be long and extended," one minister said.



President Lon Nol of Cambodia (left), who is to leave the country today, and General Sokham Khoy, the President of the Senate, who becomes interim chief of state.

The President has long had a reputation for being unaware of the real gravity of the situation, partly because of his paralysis and partly because of the power of his small circle of senior advisers and generals.

It now appears that the advice for him to leave was given after Mr Boret had requested permission from the President to consult the United States, Japan and the member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations on how best to bring about a settlement. After this move the special government committee which discusses policy had a long meeting on March 21 and finally decided to ask the President to leave.

The committee is composed of the Prime Minister, the three Deputy Prime Ministers, General Lon Non, General Saksuth Sakhan, the new chief of general staff, the presidents of the Senate and National Assembly and several other military figures.

The following day, five members of this group, headed by Mr Boret, presented a written suggestion to the President that he should leave the country.

According to one member present at the meeting, which was held on the day of a Government reshuffle, the President asked them to make sure that they had considered all the possibilities. He then accepted the decision after consulting some senior monks and some of his generals.

United States embassy sources deny any direct involvement in the decision, but it is widely believed that Mr John Gunther Dean, the Ambassador, has recommended the President's departure as a last attempt to initiate some dialogue with the other side despite all signs that it will not work.

Government members in Phnom Penh concede that it will be as long as three months before it can be seen whether this lowering of the profile of the Phnom Penh Government will actually lead the other side to renounce its declaration never to negotiate with it.

The interim chief of state will be General Sokham Khoy, the President of the Senate, and Mr Hang Thun Hak, the First Deputy Prime Minister, will be interim Prime Minister.

Peking, March 31.—Prince Sihanouk today pledged that there would be no negotiations with Cambodian leaders in Phnom Penh even after President Lon Nol's departure.

March to stake claim to Arab areas

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, March 31

Troops and police were needed to guard Jewish marchers as they moved deeper into the Arab territory of the West Bank today. The marchers, mostly young religious families with small children and even babes in arms, halted at Sebastie, the ruined Roman town near Nablus, where they held a rally to demonstrate the right of Jews to establish settlements throughout the occupied Arab areas.

The march was the climax to a series of settlement attempts by the Gush Emunim movement to stake a claim to various areas near Jericho, Ramallah and Nablus, the main towns in Samaria. It was permitted by the Government in spite of strong criticism, not only by Arabs but by left-wing Israelis, who have contemptuously dubbed the members of the movement "picnic Zionists".

In fierce heat, a motley crowd of about 20,000 set out yesterday, crossing the "green line" between Israel and the West Bank near the Arab town of Tulkarm, which is only a few miles from the fashionable Israel seaside resort of Netanya. Young men and women in casual shirts and shorts contrasted with frock-coated rabbis, dressed in black and carrying briefcases.

Chanting "Samaria is all ours" and "Jericho belongs to Israel", the procession brushed aside a group of demonstrators from a left-wing kibbutz who held placards saying, "The Negev is waiting for you"—a reference to the fact that while Jews are moving into Arab areas, the vast desert area to the south of Beersheba remains relatively undeveloped.

Many of the marchers were Sabras, claiming to be grandchildren or great-grandchildren of early Zionist settlers, but others were comparatively recent arrivals from the United States. One, asked on Israel radio about Arab reaction to the march, replied in a Brooklyn accent: "They have to get used to the idea that those areas belong to us. They are not allowing us to be here. We are allowing them to stay."

A young mother, quoted in the *Jerusalem Post*, said: "I would have been in a dilemma about the (occupied) territories if I believed there was a chance for peace; but I am sure there is not."

Critics of the mass demonstration say it is bad for Israel's image at a time when the world is looking to the country to show willingness to come to terms with the Arab states.

Man accused of family killing of 11 in America

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, March 31

A man of 40 has been charged with murder in Hamilton, Ohio, after one of the worst family killings in recent American history. There were 11 victims—Mrs Charity Ruppert, aged 65; her son and daughter-in-law; and their eight children, aged from three to 18.

The accused man, James Ruppert, is Mrs Ruppert's unmarried younger son. Police say he has denied the killings.

Neighbours said that the Rupperts had been having a family reunion on Easter Day. The married Mr Ruppert had arrived with his family in a van, and there had been an Easter egg hunt on the lawn.

Ford Foundation to reduce its staff by half

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, March 31

The Ford Foundation is to lay off more than 300 members of its staff over the next three and a half years, Mr McGeorge Bundy, the president, has announced.

The Foundation has decided to make these drastic cuts because of the loss in value in its investments. The annual report, issued yesterday, showed that its assets had shrunk by 45 per cent, from $3,065m (£1,250m) to $1,699m last September 30. Since then, they have recovered 24 per cent to $2,100m.

The employees to be laid off represent about half the Foundation's staff.

Dr Cairns calls for new Government in Saigon

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, March 31

The best possible solution in Vietnam would be for the Government of President Thieu to fall, Dr Cairns, the Australian Deputy Prime Minister, said tonight. He returned today after an extensive visit to the Middle East and Indonesia. Dr Cairns has been the leading opponent within the Labour movement of Australian involvement in Vietnam and he led moratorium marches of protest at the height of the fighting in Vietnam in which Australian troops took part. He has written three books and a number of pamphlets and has been lecturing on the subject.

He said tonight: "No matter what stand the United States takes in future Australia will never again involve itself in the hostilities in Vietnam. I will discuss with Mr Whitlam (the Prime Minister) the possibility of sending a delegation to Vietnam to see what can be done about the refugees.

"The South Vietnamese Government is collapsing because it has never been supported by the people. It has relied on American military equipment used by a professional force. It has never really had the backing of the people because the masses know that it is not a genuine national force. It is an agent of another country."

If other countries had kept out of the struggle between Saigon and Hanoi "the situation would have been decided many years ago. Independence would have been achieved soon after World War II and it would have been under the leadership of Ho Chi Minh".

The interference of the United States had prolonged the agony and increased the killing. "A new government in South Vietnam must be formed; it will not be completely a PRG (Vietcong) Government, but they will be the main part in it."

Dr Cairns went on: "Similarly in Cambodia the cessation of hostilities and the formation of a new government is only a matter of weeks."

Phnom Penh under fire

Phnom Penh, March 31.—Cambodian Government troops were today fighting insurgents on the outskirts of Phnom Penh. The sound of the battle could be heard in the city centre where mortar and artillery fire rattled the windows.

The Khmer Rouge have reinforced the area held by them some two miles from the city centre. Government troops have not been able to make any headway against their well-entrenched positions.

The Cambodian High Command said that 32 rockets had hit the capital's Pochentong airport today, but there were no reports of casualties or damage.—Reuter.

Communists tell UN not to intervene to aid refugees

From Peter Strafford
New York, March 31

As so often before, the United Nations is having to stand by more or less helplessly while the problem of the South Vietnamese refugees works itself out. Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Secretary General, has been in touch with the communist Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG), which now controls Da Nang, and has been told not to intervene.

The refugees, he has been assured, are perfectly all right. The panic was simply the result of propaganda from Saigon against the communists, and if it had not been for that, there would have been no problem.

In these circumstances, it is thought very unlikely that Dr Waldheim will accede to yesterday's request from the South Vietnamese Government, and issue an appeal about the refugees. For the moment the United Nations efforts are being directed towards getting in humanitaran assistance through its Children's Fund (Unicef) and the High Commission for Refugees.

Its main concern, officials say, is to make a long-term contribution to the rehabilitation of the whole of Vietnam. But to do this, it will have to deal with the Provisional Revolutionary Government, and it does not want to alienate it now.

It has had enough difficulty in overcoming the suspicions of Hanoi, and in persuading that Government that it was not an agent of the Americans. It is only in the past two years, since the Paris accords on Vietnam, that Unicef and the High Commission for Refugees have been able to act in North Vietnam and the areas controlled by the communists in the south.

For the moment, the two agencies have very little staff in the region. But officials are hoping that they can raise contributions from governments and private organizations. So far there have been no requests for aid from Hanoi or the PRG.

Troops shoot 25 'Vietcong' in US rescue ship

On board the Pioneer Contender, Da Nang, March 31.—South Vietnamese marines shot dead about 25 people they claimed were Vietcong suspects in an American ship evacuating refugees from Da Nang, crew members reported. Many others drowned or died of exposure trying to escape.

Children lost their footing or were knocked over the side of heaving barges transferring refugees to cargo vessels. Some mothers leaped after them and were lost. Bloated bodies floated in the harbour.

Marauding South Vietnamese troops fought sea battles to take over lighters and get on board barges to reach the Pioneer Contender and its sister ship the Pioneer Commander as South Vietnam's second largest city fell to the Vietcong over Easter weekend. The mass killing was reported on the fantail of the Pioneer Commander.

Radioactive fuel saved from communist hands

Washington, March 31.—Highly radioactive nuclear fuel has been removed from an American-supplied atomic reactor in Da Lat, South Vietnam, to keep it from falling into the hands of approaching communist forces, officials in Washington said today.

The 250 kilowatt medical research reactor itself was left in place. It was supplied to South Vietnam in 1963 under a co-operation agreement with the United States and has no military significance, the officials said. They added that the reactor used 20 per cent enriched uranium as fuel and was not capable of producing a bomb.

Da Lat is only 25 miles south of Darlac province, which has been abandoned to the communists, and the main fear was of a leak and radioactive contamination of the surrounding countryside should their forces overrun Da Lat and tamper with the reactor.—Reuter.

Karpov agrees to play Fischer on Fide terms

Moscow, March 31.—Anatoly Karpov, the Soviet contender for the world chess title, today cabled the International Chess Federation (Fide) agreeing to play Bobby Fischer, the American world champion, on Fide's terms.

The two had until midnight tomorrow to decide whether to play the match, which Fischer has threatened to boycott over Fide's refusal to meet all his demands for changing the rules.

Karpov's message to Dr Max Euwe, the president of Fide, said he would play "according to the rules and regulations adopted"—a reference to a compromise reached by an extraordinary Fide congress in Holland 10 days ago.

Fischer and his demands have been roundly condemned by the Soviet Union, which maintains that the American is trying to demoralize his opponent and turn the match into a scramble for money.

If Fischer agrees to the championship match, it will probably be played in the autumn in the Philippines. If he declines, Dr Euwe has said Karpov will become champion by default.—Reuter.

New Tasmania leader

Hobart, March 31.—Mr William Arthur Neilson was sworn in today as the new Premier of Tasmania.

Mr John Connally on trial today in bribery case

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, March 31

Mr John Connally, former Governor of Texas and Secretary of the Treasury, goes on trial here tomorrow on a charge of accepting bribes. He is accused of receiving two sums of $5,000 (£2,080) each, from a milk cooperative while a member of Mr Nixon's Administration. He then supported an increase in the support price of milk.

The usual delays of pre-trial motions and jury selection will hold up the presentation of evidence for a few days yet. There will be other trials and legal proceedings involving the various scandals of the Nixon presidency, but this will probably be the last major trial.

Mr Connally was Mr Lyndon Johnson's political heir in Texas. He was in the car with President Kennedy when he was shot. President Nixon made him Secretary of the Treasury, although he was still a Democrat, and he took America off the gold standard.

Mr H. R. Haldeman, the former White House chief of staff, has just confirmed reports that Mr Nixon thought of replacing Vice-President Agnew with Mr Connally in 1972.

Mr Connally served in the White House briefly in 1973 as a special assistant to Mr Nixon after the Watergate scandal broke. At the same time he changed parties and started campaigning for the Republican nomination in 1976. Mr Nixon again thought of nominating him when Mr Agnew was forced to resign, but decided against it.

This is one of the few Nixon scandals involving money. Mr Connally's friends contend that a man so rich and powerful would never have risked his freedom and political career for so trivial a sum as $10,000. Mr Agnew did, but, they say, Mr Connally was in a far bigger league.

The chief witness against him is Mr Jake Jacobsen, another important Texas Democrat and friend of President Johnson. Mr Jacobsen is the man who is alleged to have handed over the money, on behalf of the milk cooperative. He pleaded guilty to a reduced charge in connexion with the case, so as to escape more serious charges.

Washington, March 31.—The Supreme Court today stripped Mr John Mitchell, the former Attorney-General, of his right to practise before the court. Mr Mitchell has been convicted of felonies in the Watergate scandal.

The ruling will not affect his status in other courts, and will have little practical effect since Mr Mitchell never argued a case before the Supreme Court.—Reuter.

Exile term for Soviet prison camp author

Moscow, March 31.—Anatoly Marchenko, the dissident author of an account of Soviet prison camp life, was today sentenced to four years' strict exile on charges of violating the terms of parole from a previous sentence.

Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet civil rights campaigner, who attended the trial in Kaluga, south of Moscow, said by telephone from there that the court had not specified Mr Marchenko's place of exile.

He was arrested on February 26 for refusing to report weekly to police and be at home every evening after 8 pm. This was required after his release from camp in 1971 from a three-year prison term.

Once the verdict had been read out, Dr Sakharov said, Mr Marchenko announced that he would continue a hunger strike begun on the day of his arrest, and demanded that he be granted his request to emigrate to America.

In another trial, two Moscow Jews who took part in a demonstration here last month demanding freedom for Soviet Jews were today each sentenced to five years in exile.

According to Jewish sources, the district people's court in the Moscow suburb of Babushkin passed the sentences after a closed hearing on Mark Nashpits, aged 27, and Boris Tsirlyonok, aged 31.—Reuter.

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PRINCE OF WALES 930 8681. Red. price prevs. April 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 at 8.0. April 5 at 5.0 & 8.0. Opens April 9 at 7.0. Subs. 8.0. Mat. Wed. Sat. 3.0. JAMES STEWART in HARVEY LIMITED SEASON ONLY

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GATE CINEMA, Nott. Hill. 727 5750. GALILEO (A) 1, 3.45, 6.55, 9.30 & LAST GRAVE AT DIMBAZA (A) 2.45, 5.30, 8.30, 11.15 p.m. JAVA HEAD & THE WARE CASE.

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ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE 930 6111. Streisand & Caan FUNNY LADY (A). Sep. Perfs. Mon.-Fri. 2.30, 8.00. All seats bkble. Box office open 10.30-8.00. Tel. 930 0418.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH. 723 2011/2. THE LAND THAT TIME FORGOT (U). Sep. Perfs. 1.30, 5.00, 8.15. All seats bkble.

ODEON, ST. MARTIN'S LANE (836 0691/1811). BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE A DIME? (U). Cont. Progs. Wk. 3.30, 5.45, 8.05.

PARIS PULLMAN, Sth. Ken. 373 5898. A BIGGER SPLASH (X). Daily 2.15, 4.30, 6.45, 9.00. Progs. 2.15, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.

PRINCE CHARLES, Leic. Sq. 437 8181. The Sensation of London EMMANUELLE (X). Sep. Perfs. Dly. (inc. Sun.), 2.15, 6.15, 9.00. Late shows 11.45 Fri. & Sat. Seats bkble—Lic'd Bar.

SCENE 2. Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. Cont. Progs. Dly. from 12.30. Lte. Show 12.00 (inc. Sun.). YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (AA). Progs 12.30, 2.45, 5.05, 7.25, 9.45, 12.05.

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TIMES CENTA, Baker St. Stn. 935 [illegible] A BIGGER SPLASH (X). Daily 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Late show every night 11 p.m.

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3. Jack Lemmon, Anne Bancroft THE PRISONER OF 2ND AVENUE (A). Sep. Perfs. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. All seats bkble.

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THE ARTS

Viennale broadens its appeal

David Robinson

After many years of failure to establish a real identity, the Viennale, under the direction of Edwin Zbonek, the Austrian writer-director, is fast becoming one of the more attractive smaller events of the film festival calendar. Recognizing the scarcity of first-class material—particularly for a minor festival at the wrong end of the year—the Viennale wisely weights its programme with a selection of the best of the other festivals. Robert Bresson's *Lancelot du Lac* (France), Carlos Saura's *La Prima Angelica* (Spain), the Taviani Brothers' *Allonsanfan* (Italy), Alain Tanner's *Le Milieu du Monde* (Switzerland), Peter Weir's *The Cars That Ate Paris* (Australia), Krystof Zanussi's *Illuminations* (Poland), Sohrab Shahid Sale's *Still Life* (Iran) and István Szábo's *25 Firemen Street* (Hungary) have become this year's touring repertory, appearing at practically every festival.

The Viennale, however, is certainly the only festival likely to show a Red Chinese feature alongside *The Best of Benny Hill*. It has, indeed, managed to include a Chinese feature in each of the last four festivals—something of an act of faith, it must be confessed: Lin Nung's *Radiant Sun*, a tale of poor peasants waging the class struggle, resembles nothing so much in its naive schematism as a Soviet picture of the dark early Fifties.

The Viennese were by turns delighted and bewildered by Benny Hill. Seeing John Robins's compilation with a foreign audience and in the unlikely context of an international festival indicated more clearly that the material (all taken from television shows) is at least good enough to have deserved more thought and care in the selection and assembly.

Other films were more obvious festival choices. The audience tended to be bewildered and offended by *Presagio*, directed by Luis Alcoriza, understandably influenced by his years as Buñuel's co-writer, though developing his own distinctive style in sardonic and unsparing comedy. *Presagio* is adapted from a book by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and turns out, in Alcoriza's handling, as a kind of Mexican *Cold Comfort Farm*, with ignorance and superstition as its targets.

Old Mother Santos, the village wise woman, attends the lying-in of a newcomer to the village. When she drops a treasured glass bottle that once did service at her own birth, the old lady predicts the doom of the village—a boding which malice, lethargy and stupidity all too readily brings to pass. Mother Santos blossoms in the glory of it all; from a sick and shabby old witch she grows to be a *grande dame*, and is last seen leading the general exodus from the village, now left to the buzzards, enthroned and exultant upon the howdah supplied by the top of a cart.

The village is bizarre and terrible—the adulterous husbands and shrewish wives, the shabby, defeated old priest who is no match for old Santos, the seraphic infant rat-catcher, the crippled voyeur and all the other curious figures who make up this claustrophobic community, doomed by neglect and loss of hope. The lush camera-work of Gabriel Figueroa serves only to heighten the images of putrefaction.



Presagio—Mexican Cold Comfort Farm

In Claude Chabrol's new film, *Le Partie de Plaisir*, crime is an ultimate and incidental end product, not a motive in the sense that it has been for his recent films. The main role is played by Paul Gégauff, Chabrol's usual writer, who also scripted the film. Philippe is in his forties, and living quite lovingly with Ester. The affair seems to survive by mutual provocation, which energizes the cool sophistication of their social and domestic life. Inevitably the provocation gets out of hand: Ester starts a capricious affair with a young Arab and Philippe returns the challenge by marrying a young English hippy. Pride and circumstances conspire: nothing can bring them together again. Philippe's cherished rationality abandons him as his frustration reaches a climax, and he commits an act of brutal violence upon Ester which lands him in jail.

Terror has a different quality from that in other Chabrol films; here it is the terror of a couple watching themselves drifting apart with the inevitability of a river current. The elegance of style, the detached, satirical view of the bourgeoisie, imprisoned in their social comings and goings, their meal-time confrontations, their emotional assumptions, remains the same; though here Chabrol is dealing with the bohemian edge of the middleclass world which provides his exasperated amusement.

A second French exhibit, Yves Robert's *Salut l'Artiste* is a comedy which probably intends more consequence than it actually achieves, in its picture of an actor endeavouring to avoid self-confrontation. Marcello Mastroianni and Jean Rochefort rush desperately from job to job, working in the course of a day as bit players in films, Santa Clauses in big stores, walk-ons in the theatre, cabaret artists and illusionists. Between times they endeavour to keep up with complicated emotional lives. The aging, harassed Mastroianni is an excellent comic actor, handled deftly, even though the film hardly justifies Yves Robert's stated hopes that it "will do for the stage actor what Truffaut's *Day for Night* did for the movies".

George Moorse is an American director working in Germany. His *INKI*, a feature film made surprisingly effectively on an absurdly low budget, is a tribute to the German expressionist-horror cinema of the Twenties: the story of a girl possessed by a sadistic incubus. Moorse aims at a special dimension of horror by setting the story, full of mystery and mysticism, in an all too familiar world of steel and plastic, of computers (the girl is a computer operator in daily life), of reassuring psychiatrists (who get a very nasty comeuppance at the hand of the heroine and her supernatural mentor), of logical explanations. The economic constraints are perhaps in the end too much for a film that depends upon style and accuracy for its effect; and the audience in Vienna were not generous to Moorse's brave effort.

Alas, that Andrei Michalkov-Konchalovsky suffered no such economic restraints in his *Romance for Lovers*, a great symbolic patriotic pageant which affords a shocking symbol of the ills that seem to beset the Soviet cinema. Overblown and resoundingly hollow in its images, its sentiments, its writing and its acting; dedicated to an unquestioning love of country ("To die for the homeland is to live" a bereaved mother tells her surviving sons) and to panegyric of the splendours and happiness of the life of the Soviet citizen (Konchalovsky manages to bring in love, sport and scenic effects) its wide gestures barely conceal a socio-political vision alarmingly narrowed since the time of Konchalovsky's *The First Teacher*.

Outside the excellent films of Szábo and Zanussi from Hungary and Poland, the East had not much to show Vienna. The principal interest of the Bulgarian *Their Last Words*, a harrowing but ultimately meaningless drama of a group of women condemned to die in a concentration camp, is that it gives Bulgaria its first woman feature director, Binka Jeliazkova.

A more authentic socialist film came not from the East, but from Argentina, where the censorship difficulties experienced by Hector Olivera's *La Patagonia Rebelde* attest its effectiveness. The film, which won the Silver Berlin at the last Berlin Film Festival, is adapted from a best-seller by Osvaldo Bayer, about the oppression by the military of a general strike in Patagonia in 1920. The political issues are laid out broad and clear; the story is told with a feeling for suspense and drama, aiming to create a popular political cinema on the lines of the early Soviet film-makers.

The Shakers: form and function

Paul Overy

The Shakers were a religious sect related to the Quakers who lived around Manchester in the middle of the eighteenth century. Persecuted and imprisoned for their beliefs, they emigrated to America in 1774. They practised a primitive form of communism combined with absolute celibacy. New members of the community had to be converts or orphans adopted by the Shakers.

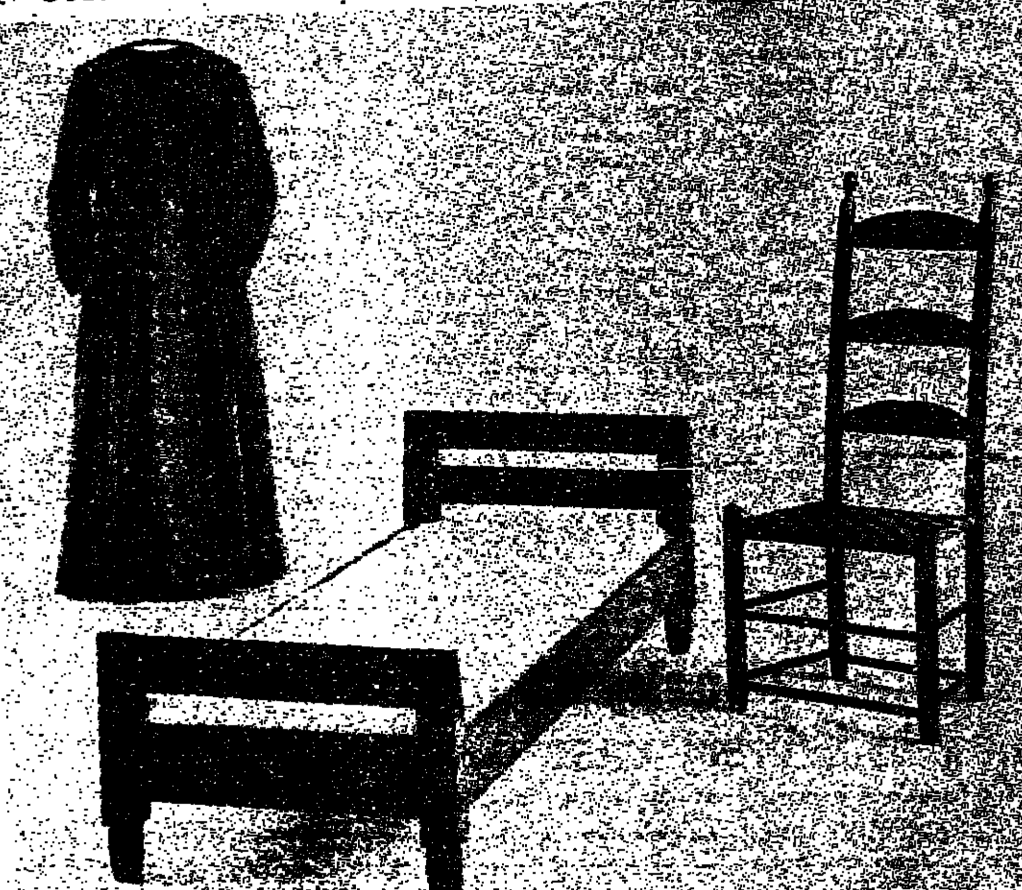
They believed in and practised complete equality between the sexes and between races. Negroes and Jews were welcomed. They held their goods in common and men and women lived in large "family" houses, separately within each community. They supported themselves by farming and made their own buildings, furniture, tools and implements. The Shakers are credited with inventing, among other things, the threshing machine, the circular saw, the sliding-weight balance, the pea sheller, metal pens and the common clothes-peg.

The objects they made were of great simplicity and beauty, although they scorned beauty in itself, believing that utility alone provided the right form for the function. These plain and serviceable objects were soon much in demand from the world outside and the Shakers sold their furniture and artifacts by means of catalogues. The communities prospered. But after the turn of this century they began to decline. The last chairs were made in 1935 and the last male Shaker died in 1961. A few sisters still live on, but no new members are being taken in and with them the sect will die out.

Although the Shakers are now part of history, the objects and buildings they made live on. Their simple furniture and utensils anticipated twentieth-century functionalism and influenced American minimal art. Yet these should not be separated from the people who made them with such conviction of rightness and truth, and their purity of form cannot be divorced from the beliefs that inspired them.

The simple and well-presented exhibition now at the Manchester City Art Gallery relates the Shakers' furniture and artifacts to their way of life by means of photographs and quotations and descriptions which are amplified in the excellent but expensive catalogue (£3). The exhibition was organized and first shown at the Neue Sammlung in Munich and after closing in Manchester on April 20 will be shown in London at the V and A from May 8 to June 15.

Shaker furniture was simple, geometric and quite unadorned. Their maxim was "Every function evolves a form", anticipating, although more positive in its implications, the words of the Chicago architect Louis Sullivan, "Form follows function". The Shakers said "We find out by trial what is best, and when we have found a good thing we stick to it". How could such a faith triumph for long in the country which pioneered planned obsolescence? "All beauty that has not a foundation in use, soon grows distasteful and needs continual replacement with something new."



Dress, New Lebanon; bed, Pleasant Hill, and chair, Sabbathday Lake

Their statements can be closely paralleled by those of Mondrian, Van Doesburg and other members of the Dutch De Stijl group after the First World War. Rietveld's Red-Blue Chair of 1917-18, one of the most uncompromising of De Stijl objects, stands foursquare at the beginning of another Manchester exhibition, devoted to the design and decorative art of the Twenties and Thirties at the Whitworth Gallery. With its simple dogmatism and visual pragmatism Rietveld's chair would not look wholly out of place in the Shaker exhibition.

The Whitworth show, campily titled *Anything Goes*, is organized by the staff and students of the Gallery and Museum Studies course of the Art History Department at Manchester University. It is a lively exhibition with some exemplary things, like Mackintosh's fine but slightly sombre black cupboard, inset with small squares of mirror from his pro-Art Deco period of 1916-17. Ambrose Heal's heavy and awkward fumed-oak desks look, in their chunky obtuseness, less vulgar than the smooth, chrome furniture by Le Corbusier which here appears quite as nasty as the cheap derivatives now to be found in most high-street furniture stores. Architecture is presented in photographs, and the exhibition also contains a great many Art Deco trifles of the kind referred to in the catalogue as "flashy tat."

Although the exhibition is enjoyable and even instructive, it is very easy. As an exercise for student-museum staff it would surely have been better to present something less immediately engaging which would have taxed them more in their task of communicating with the public. And the show owes rather too much to an exhibition of a few years ago at the Brighton Museum, from which a number of the exhibits are borrowed. It continues till April 19.

Artists for Democracy is a cooperative set up towards the end of last year with the particular purpose of building bridges between artists in Britain and the Third World. Recently they have acquired premises in London at Whitfield Street, W1. Rasheed Araeen, who is showing 10 years' work, is a Pakistani artist who has lived and worked in London since 1964. I first saw one of his impressive brightly-coloured structures at the John Moores Liverpool Exhibition in 1969, when he won a prize.

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LUMLEY CAZALET, 24 Davies St., W.1. 01-499 5058. 20th Century Original Prints. Mon.-Fri. 10-6. Thurs 10-7.

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ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS. THE PRIVATE ROOMS AND COLLECTED TREASURES. Until 31 Oct. Wkdys. 10-6 (closed Tuesdays). Suns. 2-6. Adm. 50p. And JOHN ARMSTRONG, A.R.A. (1893-1973), until 27 April. Wkdys. 10-6. Suns. 2-6. Adm. 50p. Students and pensioners half price.

SERPENTINE GALLERY, Kensington Gardens, W.2. (Arts Council). JASPER JOHNS DRAWINGS. 20 March-20 April. Daily 10-7. Adm free. Outside: JOHN HOSKINS SCULPTURE. 20 March-20 April.

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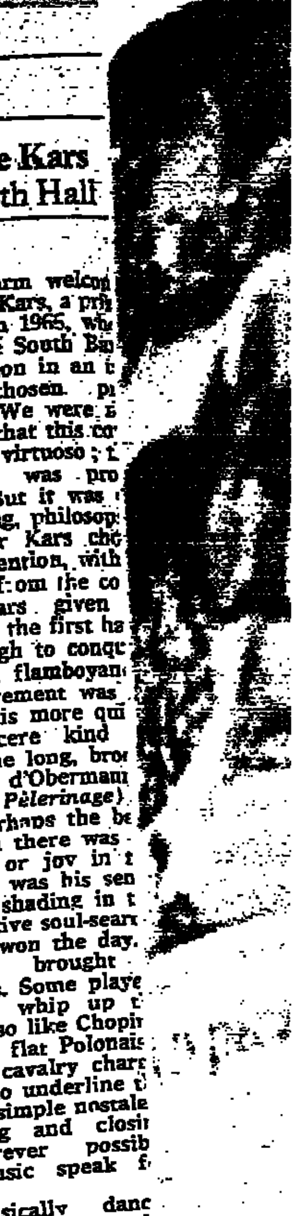
SPINK
Until 11th April. EXHIBITION OF ENGLISH WATERCOLOURS. Weekdays 9.30-5.30. Sats. 10.00-1.00. Thurs. until 7.00. 5-7 King Street, St. James's, S.W.1.

TARANMAN GALLERY, 236 Brompton Rd., S.W.3. 589 [illegible] PIERRE LECUIRE AND LE LIVRE DES LIVRES. until 31 March.

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM, SW7. THOMAS GIRTIN BICENTENARY EXHIBITION. Until 20 April. Adm. 20p.

Jean-Rodolphe Kars
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell



There was a warm welcome for Jean-Rodolphe Kars, a prize-winner at Leeds in 1966, when he returned to the South Bank on Sunday afternoon in an uncommonly well-chosen programme of Liszt. We were not allowed to forget that this composer was a great virtuoso; the B minor sonata was proof enough of that. But it was on the more searching, philosophical Liszt that Mr Kars chose to focus main attention, with a group of rarities from the composer's last years given a generous share of the first half.

It is easy enough to conquer an audience with flamboyance. Mr Kars's achievement was in involving us in his more quiet, simple and sincere kind of music-making. The long, brooding "Vallée d'Obermann" (from *Années de Pèlerinage*) at the start was perhaps the best example. Though there was no lack of warmth or joy in the happy ending, it was his sensitive timing and shading in the earlier introspective soul-searchings that really won the day. "Funérailles" brought a similar emphasis. Some players could no doubt whip up the central section (so like Chopin in his famous A flat Polonaise) into more of a cavalry charge. Mr Kars chose to underline the noble grief and simple nostalgia of the opening and closing sections, wherever possible letting the music speak for itself.

Whether basically dance-inspired, like the "Bagatelle sans tonalité", "Csárdás macabre" and "Valse oubliée No 2", or purely atmospheric like "Schlaflos, Frage und Antwort" and "La lugubre Gondola II", the five late miniatures all found Mr Kars keenly aware of their challenging unpredictability and austerity; inconclusive endings were so effectively left inconclusive that the audience did not even dare to suggest finality by clapping at the end of each.

The B minor sonata monopolized the second half. Though tempting Providence with his fast tempo for the final fugue, Mr Kars was rarely caught out technically. He was also his customary mellow-toned, sensitively poetic self in reflection. But a canvas as big as that arguably demands greater intensity, a heightened emotional voltage, to sustain its heavenly lengths.

A Saxophone Summit
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Miles Kington

Fifty years ago the saxophone was the symbol of all that was most tasteless in popular music; novelists like Waugh and Huxley invariably focused their dislike of strident dance noises on the invention of poor Adolphe Saxe. But now that the electric guitar has taken over as the fastidious man's *bête noir* Saxe can stop turning in his grave, especially as jazz and classical players have meanwhile given the instrument a new respectability in different ways.

Just how different was shown on Saturday when the enterprising Jazz Centre Society had the bright idea of presenting a top group from each camp in concert. It isn't so much that the jazz and classical approaches have nothing in common, more that they are diametrically opposed, with the vices of one being the virtues of the other. The London Saxophone Quartet were there to submerge themselves in the composer's notes, and beautifully they did it too. Their playing is pure, soft-toned, using little vibrato, with immaculate planning and polish, just right for the witty and lightweight works they played by English, Belgian and French composers.

Their one weakness seems to lie in the repertoire; man cannot live by wit and pleasant textures alone, and I would dearly love to hear something demanding and majestic for saxophone quartet. So far it has not been written.

To a jazz ear the LSQ is unnervingly free of full-blown passion and anonymous. To a concert-trained ear the trio of jazz saxophonists called SOS must seem correspondingly ego-ridden, unplanned and strident. But in jazz terms they are doing something remarkable, probably unique. They have thrown away all rhythmic support from bass, drums, piano, etc, and worked out a method of backing themselves while improvising passionately.

Partly it is done by using simple yet vastly appealing rhythmic tags as the starting point and never leaving sight of them thereafter, however wild the blowing gets. Mainly, though, it is because the three of them, John Surman, Alan Skidmore and Mike Osborne listen to one another so hard and pick up a new idea so quickly that, probably for the first time in jazz history, you can hear three men improvising as one. This is very different from New Orleans counterpoint or, say, the playing of a piano trio like Oscar Peterson's, where each player pursues a parallel but separate function, like bowler, batsman and wicketkeeper. These three are more like a trio of great Rugby backs.

It does not always work, of course. Some of the blowing comes too close to scale and arpeggio practice for comfort, and the occasional addition of synthesizer and drums is somewhat distracting, except when they use the former simply to provide a recurring riff or a thunderous pedal note like a bomber returning home. But when their first record comes out it should be the best thing to happen to massed jazz saxophones since—well, since Duke Ellington had four or five of the best in the business.

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SPORT

Football

Time to note the words of a dynamic Scot

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

Easter yesterday continued to provide a game of musical chairs for the League championship. Liverpool lost at Stoke City and now Everton, with four changes to their side (including the dropping of the captain, Clements) are back in front again with a precious goal from Dobson to beat Coventry City at Goodison Park. This was the sixteenth time this season the lead has changed at the top.

Yet although Merseyside are at the front of the parade there are a number of serious contenders for Leeds United's title of a year ago. Stoke City, Ipswich Town and Derby County are all hunting hard on the heels of Everton and Liverpool, with Derby in a particularly threatening mood. Winning 5—2 at Turf Moor, they effectively ended any challenge Burnley may have entertained and brought their total to 10 goals scored in two matches over the holiday—a giant boost to their goal average.

Today Derby are at home to inconsistent Manchester City—a side with a bad away record—and with four of their last six games scheduled for the Baseball Ground the ball is in their court. It all looks like a photo-finish and the final outcome may yet echo the climax of 1972 when Leeds failed at the double by losing narrowly at Wolverhampton while Liverpool drew 0—0 at Arsenal, leaving Derby to come through on the rails for victory.

For a month or two now Derby have been the choice of Bill Shankly, former manager at Anfield, and when this dynamic Scot has anything to say against his beloved Liverpool it is something to mark well.

Had not Stoke squandered two points at West Ham and Arsenal over the weekend they would now have been top. The quality of their play was well emphasized by their 2—0 defeat of Liverpool at the Victoria Grounds before a 45,000 crowd, Conroy bringing his personal contribution to seven goals in a week. Champions or not they should be back in Europe again next year.

Ipswich Town's goalless draw at Chelsea kept them in contention but at the cost of lengthening an already crippling casualty list. With Beattie, Johnson and Lambert all fighting to get fit for Saturday's FA Cup semi-final against West Ham United, Mills and Burley, their full backs, both received ankle injuries at Stamford Bridge yesterday and are unlikely to play against Birmingham City at Portman Road today. Talbot, however, free from suspension, will be back in action in midfield. This is when depth of reserve strength tells.

The situation is almost as taut at the bottom, except that Luton Town now look doomed to join Carlisle United in relegation. Beaten 5—2 at Wolverhampton (after, in fact, leading 2—1 at the half hour) the roof seems to have fallen in on them. Ten goals conceded in their last two games in three days spells it out. Hibbitt scored three of the Wolves' goals that torpedoed unhappy Luton.

Arsenal's 1—0 win over Sheffield United, Chelsea's point from Ipswich, and Leicester City's 2—2 draw at Elland Road against a clearly jaded Leeds—a goal by Blockley in the last minute earned their reprieve—have all combined to push Tottenham Hotspur back into the hot seat. Spurs, however, have yet to play both Luton and Chelsea at White Hart Lane and there lies their hope of an eleventh hour reprieve.

While Manchester United continue to rule the Second Division—they beat Oldham 3—2 before a 57,000 assembly attracted by this local derby—the aspirations of Norwich City were badly dented by their 2—1 defeat at home by Fulham, the FA Cup semi-finalists. Two goals by Mitchell, who is fighting for a Cup place, did the trick, but Fulham's real hero was Mellor in goal who saved a penalty kick by MacDougall three minutes from the end.



Phillips, the Chelsea goalkeeper, beats Hunter in the air at Stamford Bridge yesterday.

A typical English compromise

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

Chelsea 0 Ipswich Town 0

The blue of Chelsea, the yellow of Ipswich Town and the purple of the ball boys brought a palette of colour to suggest springtime at Stamford Bridge yesterday. But neither Chelsea nor Ipswich Town adorned the afternoon with a goalless draw. Ipswich, of course, one might excuse, jaded as they were in this their fourth match in the past seven days and under strength, missing important men like Beattie, Johnson and Lambert, whom they hope will be fit for their FA Cup semi-final tie against West Ham United at Villa Park next Saturday.

As far as this Stamford Bridge ground is concerned it has never been a happy hunting place for the men of Suffolk. Only once have they won here in nine appearances and the luck has usually been against them. Not that it was yesterday and they will bear this in mind since should there be a cup replay for them it will be here at Stamford Bridge. Two points were in the kitty; but so much more was at stake. Both sides needed to win—Ipswich in their assault towards the towering double of cup and league; Chelsea to save their faces and their finances for a shining new stadium of the future by avoiding the humiliation of relegation.

In the event we had a typical English compromise—always the traditional escape from an awkward problem. A point each was better than none one supposes, but events elsewhere, of course, carried their oblique influence on the situation. For Chelsea, the results for Arsenal, Leicester City and Luton Town were all important and doubtless they were relieved to hear of Luton's assassination (their second over Easter) at Molineux. Ipswich eyes were on Stoke against Liverpool, on Everton and Burnley where Derby County continued their late rush with another five goals.

In a match that was largely inconsequential it was Chelsea who came nearest to scoring. Five minutes after the interval the busy little Britton had his shot beaten down by Sivell and there was Hay following up to put the rebound over the bar at close range.

Twenty minutes from the end a ridiculous throw out by the Ipswich goalkeeper nearly let in Cooke and one felt that this was a mistake almost done on purpose to cheer up the proceedings. Then a quarter of an hour from the end there was Burley to block a scoring header by Langley on the line from Cooke's corner on the right. That was about the sum of the action.

There was no real trigger to set things off. Both sides seemed to creak with strain, though Cooke dazzled occasionally to raise the hopes of a 35,000 crowd—Chelsea's fourth best of the season—and the young Wicks enjoyed a promising first game at centre half for Chelsea. Hollins, Viljoen and Burley showed their touches too, but there was no real will o' the wisp to take the match by the scruff of the neck. It was all security from first to last from sides afraid to lose.

CHELSEA: J. Phillips; G. Locke, R. Harris, J. Hollins, S. Wicks, M. Hinton, S. Kember, D. Hay, T. Langley, I. Britton, C. Cooke.
IPSWICH TOWN: L. Sivell; G. Burley, M. Mills, R. Osborne, A. Hunter, J. Wark, B. Hamilton, C. Viljoen, T. Austin (sub. E. Gates), T. Whymark, C. Woods.
Referee: K. Baker (Rugby).

Arsenal's fears virtually ended

By Christopher Warman

Arsenal 1 Sheffield U 0

A simple goal from a free kick set piece was sufficient to give Arsenal an invaluable if unspectacular 1—0 victory over Sheffield United and virtually ended their recurrent fears of relegation. They are now four points clear of the bottom three with one game in hand over the nearest of those—Tottenham Hotspur.

The result also put an end to whatever wistful looks Sheffield United had been casting at the championship. That, at least, would appear from their performance to be justice. Until the last 25 minutes when they seemed to move up a gear their play was lethargic and unimaginative.

They were unfortunate to lose Flynn early in the game, carried off on a stretcher after 13 minutes with a bad facial injury. He had jumped for the ball with Kelly and Radford and was hit in the face by Radford's face in the tussle. Franks took his place but the incident unsettled the visitors.

Arsenal had to make changes because of the suspension of Ball and McNab. They missed Ball's dynamism in midfield, but showed the greater determination from the start, with Armstrong returning to add his enthusiasm, while Kidd and Hornsby chased everything.

The match might well have progressed differently if Sheffield had scored, as they might have done after only one minute. A shot from Field was aimed at the corner of the goal until an Arsenal boot emerged from a forest of legs in the penalty area to divert it for a corner.

Arsenal's vital goal came after 28 minutes as a result of a foul by Colquhoun on Kidd, 25 yards out in the centre of the field. Faced by a defensive wall, Kelly slipped the ball to his right for Kidd to shoot firmly and low. The shot eluded the wall, Brown in goal did not move, and the ball was in the corner of the net.

Heartened by their score, Arsenal pressed forward but Sheffield began to show signs of life, too. Currie skilfully toyed with defenders who were ever reluctant to tackle him, but he was foiled by the heavy mud down the centre of the field. Woodward had a couple of shots and should have scored just before half-time if he had not taken so long to measure his shot after an Eddy free kick had been flicked on to him by Deardon. The free kick came after Matthews, one of Arsenal's young squad, went into the tackle on Currie much too hard, as he had been liable to do, and had his name taken.

Arsenal had the better of play at the beginning of the second half and Kidd had the ball in the net after five minutes only to find the linesman's flag up for offside. The last 25 minutes, however, belonged to Sheffield. First they had a free kick in the exact spot from which Arsenal scored their goal. Using the same ploy Currie chipped the ball sideways to Woodward to volley past the wall, but Rimmer was well placed to save. The same two players had another chance a minute later and this time Speight had a fierce shot turned for a corner after Woodward's miskick had fallen into his path.

Sheffield's captain Eddy was coming forward much more now and urging his team to do the same. Currie and Woodward, gaining more room, began to look dangerous and the Arsenal defence increasingly desperate. One rugby tackle by Simpson on Deardon and a piece of jersey tugging by Mancini gave the indication of incipient panic. The defence held together, however, with Mancini keeping a cool and imposing head in the centre of that defence.

From one of their final attacks, Deardon had the ball in the net after Franks had headed into the goalmouth but as with Kidd's effort earlier in the half the referee had spotted an infringement and the goal was disallowed. Sheffield got no nearer than that and so at Highbury said goodbye to their faint chance of League honours.

ARSENAL: J. Rimmer; P. Rice, S. Nelson; P. Storey, T. Mancini, P. Simpson, R. Matthews, E. Kelly, B. Hornsby, B. Kidd, G. Armstrong.
SHEFFIELD UNITED: J. Brown; L. Badger, D. Bradford; K. Eddy, E. Colquhoun, J. Flynn (sub, C. Franks), A. Woodward, M. Speight, W. Deardon, A. Currie, A. Field.
Referee: R. N. Perkin (Littleworth, Staffordshire).

Derby accept generous gifts from Burnley

By Keith Macklin

Burnley 2 Derby County 5

The chants of the Derby County supporters are as predictable as most. Yet there was a note of joyous conviction in their cries of "We are the champions" as Derby demoralized Burnley at Turf Moor to make their collection 10 goals in two Easter games. Nevertheless, Derby must concede that four of the five goals, although splendidly taken, were in the nature of gifts from an open-hearted Burnley defence which has now given away 58 league goals this season.

There were times when the Derby defence also looked distinctly ill at ease as Burnley moved into fluent attack, a factor which better defensive sides than Burnley might well have turned to advantage. Burnley were without Fletcher and Collins and must have rued their absence. Their flickering hopes of honours were extinguished in the first half. In fact, Derby were ahead in 28 seconds with the most blatant gift of the game. Burnley's midfield player, Ingham, not seriously challenged outside his penalty area, stroked the ball across the face of the goalmouth and Rioch picked up the ball to fire a low left-foot shot past the stranded Stevenson.

Burnley were level in 18 minutes, although it was to prove a short-lived respite. When Hankin headed home a corner, the Derby goalkeeper, Boulton, chased the referee, Jack Taylor, half the length of the field, claiming that he had been fouled. However, Mr Taylor stood by his decision.

Derby's grievances were soon to give way to renewed joy. Within a couple of minutes they had taken the lead again with a remarkable free-kick by Nish. Again the Burnley defence had to accept blame, although Nish was justifiably delighted as his curling effort from outside the area swept past the defensive wall and over the head of Stevenson.

The third goal went to Davies, the gangling striker who had scored five against Luton Town. Yet again this leaky Burnley defence made it easy for him. As the ball came from the right no one challenged Davies, and his half-hit shot went past Stevenson, who got his hand to the ball but could not keep it out.

It was 3—1 at half-time and for a brief flourish in the second half Burnley threatened to get back into the game. This was the time when the Derby defence had anything but a championship look, and Burnley pulled a goal back when Daniel clumsily upended Noble in the penalty area and James converted the penalty—his sixth of the season.

At this point, instead of Burnley storming forward for the equalizer, their defence presented two more goals to Derby. A shot by Hinton was parried by Stevenson, and while claret-shirted defenders stood immobile, Hector leapt in to score.

It was Hector who got the fifth goal right on the stroke of time. Hinton was not seriously challenged on a left-wing break and the defence was once again leaden-footed as Hector turned his low cross into the net.

In the Burnley programme, the manager, Jimmy Adamson, had called for a Football League directive to outlaw swearing on the pitch. One wonders whether Mr Adamson was tempted to use choice language of his own to his players after this pathetic defensive display.

BURNLEY: A. Stevenson; K. Newton, C. Waldron, J. Thomson, I. Brennan, P. Noble, B. Flynn, W. Ingham, R. Hankin, D. Parker, L. James.
DERBY COUNTY: C. Boulton; R. Thomas, P. Daniel, C. Todd, D. Nish, B. Rioch, A. Gemmill, S. Powell, R. Davies, K. Hector, A. Hinton.
Referee: J. K. Taylor (Wolverhampton).

Another headline in praise of Conroy's brave display

By Gerry Harrison

Stoke City 2 Liverpool 0

Two more goals from Stoke City's Terry Conroy, taking his total to seven in four games, knocked Liverpool off their precarious perch on the top of the first division yesterday. But Stoke's sunshine glow of triumph at pulling themselves back into the championship race faded almost immediately at the news that Derby County are coming up fast on the outside.

An Irishman, Conroy will deservedly dominate most of the headlines with a brave display and two goals, one in each half, when playing only his seventh full league game in a season plagued by injury. Stoke, of course, have had more bad breaks than Wedgwoods this season, but they were not short of heroes at the Victoria ground. A makeshift defence held Liverpool's fiercest counter-attacks. Bowers, aged 19, at left back, playing only his fourth first-team game, was outstanding; Mahoney, in midfield, demonstrated his huge appetite for work, and Hudson was the quality Liverpool lacked, particularly with Callaghan absent with tonsillitis.

The arithmetic of Liverpool's shots at goal would not have tested a three-year-old. They were predictably strong at the back but second-best everywhere else. Their best period was in the last half hour, although Shilton was stretched only three times, and even in that period Stoke should have scored two more, through Mahoney when he thrashed his volley too high, and five minutes from the end when Greenhoff rounded Clemence and the impressive Neal blocked his shot on the line.

It was the sort of game to convince the occasional visitor from the south that a transfer away from the deprived football regions might be the answer; it was the sort of damp day to convince him that perhaps it was not such a good idea after all—fiercely competitive, fast and tense, in difficult conditions with few clear-cut chances.

Indeed, when Stoke scored in the twentieth minute, it was only the second shot on target. Bowers, Hudson and Mahoney had streaked away from a free kick only for Thompson to bring down Mahoney, with the help of a dive, just inside the penalty area. Conroy converted the penalty comfortably.

Five minutes after half time, with Stoke putting in some sweet-moving attacks, Salmons's corner was headed into the goalmouth by Greenhoff, Conroy's first shot was blocked on the line by Smith but he was on hand to drive in the rebound to the roars of Stoke's biggest crowd of the season, over 45,000.

STOKE CITY: P. Shilton; J. Marsh, I. Bowers, J. Mahoney, A. Dodd, B. Skeels, T. Conroy, J. Greenhoff, G. Hurst, A. Hudson, G. Salmons (sub: S. Haslegrave).
LIVERPOOL: R. Clemence; T. Smith, P. Neal, P. Thompson, P. Cormack, E. Hughes, K. Keegan, B. Hall, S. Heighway (sub: J. Toshack), R. Kennedy, T. McDermott.
Referee: I. P. Jones (Treharris, Glamorgan).

Everton tiptoe back to the top of the table

By Tom German

Everton 1 Coventry City 0

Everton have returned to the head of the first division but they took longer than potential champions should have done to put a moderate Coventry eleven in their place at Goodison Park yesterday. Light on style and none too adventurous, either, they seemed to be haunted by their sharp, unexpected setback against Carlisle a couple of days earlier. The first half was in injury time at Goodison Park yesterday when Everton stopped casting anxious glances over their shoulder, looking for shadows which did not exist. At that crucial moment they scored the goal which enlivened the match, won the day for them, and restored them to the top of the table.

The move began cautiously enough, as so many Everton advances had. Dobson began it and was there to dispatch a glorious 25-yard volley from knee height to round off a four-man exchange. The unexpected, the touch of cool authority was what Everton's game had been lacking. They showed more running and made better use of the spaces in the second half with the security of a goal to embolden them. But too often even the disciples yearned for more spark and incisiveness.

Dobson began to make more room for himself to set colleagues moving as the match developed and Bernard, restored to right back, closed the left flank to Hutchison, the one Coventry forward who might have posed problems. There was barely time to retrieve the situation when the lanky Scottish winger finally began to show something of his trickery.

Lyons and Latchford both hurriedly lashed shots wide in the first half as corner kicks bobbed awkwardly around Coventry's goal, but the best effort was Latchford's, a header which Ramsbottom knocked down with a tentative flap of a hand for Dugdale to boot the ball away from the line. Coventry, knitting together efficiently at the back, restricted opportunities for Everton's powerful front men, Latchford and Lyons, limiting them both in the air and with chances to run on to the ball. Lloyd and Dugdale were usually on hand to counter them and Oakey, too, had a good match containing moves along the left flank. It was perhaps significant that Everton took off Telfer and replaced him with Pearson in an effort to give the attack more edge 20 minutes from the end.

To a degree, the substitution prospered. A dipping shot from Pearson demanded Ramsbottom's full stretch to turn it aside and he might, indeed, have had a couple of goals. Once he shot meekly at the goalkeeper as Dobson's shrewd pass opened the way, and with barely a minute left he aimed a shot across the goal.

For much of the match Coventry's attack lay dormant. As their manager, Gordon Milne, put it, "We were a nonentity." A measure of their lack of imprint was one shot—if so it could be called—from Green in the first half. Coop, who replaced Alderson on the hour, did manage to venture behind the defence for a stooping header, which he put wide when he might have done better, and in the last minute Green steered the ball through the congestion and across the face of Everton's goal as Coventry mounted a belated effort. Everton will have been content, though, not to have had a more searching test until recollections of that upset at Carlisle have been erased.

EVERTON: D. Davies; M. Bernard, S. Sergeant, M. Buckley, R. Kenyon, J. Hurst, G. Jones, M. Dobson, R. Latchford, M. Lyons, G. Telfer.
COVENTRY CITY: N. Ramsbottom; G. Oakey, C. Cattlin, J. Craven, L. Lloyd, A. Dugdale, L. Cartwright, B. Alderson, D. Cross, A. Green, T. Hutchison.
Referee: R. Capey (Madeley Heath).

Sunderland kept up their pressure with a 2—0 win over Bolton Wanderers at Burnden Park but Norwich City failed to regain the third position from a gameless Aston Villa.

It was John Mitchell, in the Fulham side because of the injury to Jim Conway, who really hit them hard. He scored two goals in the opening 19 minutes and although Forbes pulled one back, the cup semi-finalists held on to the points when Mellor saved a penalty from MacDougall.

Championship and relegation run-in

Listed below are the remaining fixtures for those teams involved in the challenge for the championship and those in the struggle against relegation from the first division.

Top seven

Burnley: Home: Tottenham, Stoke. Away: Carlisle, Everton, Manchester City.
Derby County: Home: Manchester City, West Ham, Carlisle, Wolverhampton. Away: Middlesbrough, Leicester.
Everton: Home: Burnley, Sheffield United. Away: Newcastle, Chelsea, Luton.
Ipswich Town: Home: Birmingham, Queen's Park Rangers, West Ham. Away: Manchester City, Leeds.
Liverpool: Home: Carlisle, Queen's Park Rangers. Away: Leeds, Middlesbrough.
Middlesbrough: Home: Derby, Liverpool. Away: Wolverhampton, Coventry, Leicester.
Stoke City: Home: Chelsea, Newcastle. Away: Sheffield United, Burnley.

Bottom six

Arsenal: Home: Coventry, Leeds, Tottenham. Away: Queen's Park Rangers, Newcastle, West Ham.
Carlisle United: Home: Burnley, Coventry, Wolverhampton. Away: Liverpool, Derby.
Chelsea: Home: Manchester City, Sheffield United, Everton. Away: Stoke, Tottenham.
Leicester City: Home: West Ham, Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Derby. Away: Luton, Sheffield United.
Luton Town: Home: Everton, Leicester, Manchester City. Away: Tottenham, Birmingham.
Tottenham Hotspur: Home: Luton, Chelsea, Leeds. Away: Burnley, Arsenal.

Results and tables

First division

Arsenal (1) 1 Kidd — Sheffield U (0) 0 — 24,338
Burnley (1) 2 Hankin, James (pen) 24,276 — Derby C (3) 5 Rioch, Nish, Davies, Hector (2)
Chelsea (0) 0 35,005 — Ipswich (0) 0
Everton (1) 1 Dobson — Coventry C (0) 0 40,070
Leeds U (1) 2 Clarke, Giles 29,898 — Leicester C (0) 2 Lee, Garland
Newcastle U (0) 2 Tudor, Macdonald 23,490 — QP Rangers (1) 2 Francis (pen), Gillard
Stoke City (1) 2 Conroy (2, 1 pen) — Liverpool (0) 0 45,954
Wolves (3) 5 Carr, Withe, Hibbitt (3, 1 pen) — Luton T (2) 2 Seasman, Jim Ryan 22,689

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	37	15	16	6	50	35	46
Liverpool	38	17	11	10	53	37	45
Stoke City	38	16	13	9	61	46	45
Ipswich Town	37	20	4	13	55	37	44
Derby County	36	18	8	10	62	47	44
Middlesbrough	37	16	11	10	50	36	43
Burnley	37	16	9	12	62	58	41
Sheffield Utd	36	15	10	11	47	47	40
Manchester C	37	16	8	13	48	50	40
Leeds United	36	14	11	11	49	39	39
QP Rangers	38	15	9	14	50	49	39
West Ham Utd	37	12	13	12	55	49	37
Wolverhampton	37	13	10	14	54	49	36
Newcastle Utd	37	14	8	15	55	64	36
Birmingham C	37	13	8	16	48	52	34
Coventry City	37	10	14	13	48	57	34
Arsenal	36	11	10	15	42	45	32
Chelsea	37	9	13	15	40	64	31
Leicester C	36	9	11	16	38	53	29
Tottenham H	37	10	8	19	42	56	28
Luton Town	37	8	10	19	36	60	26
Carlisle United	37	10	3	24	38	55	23

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop's Stortford 3, Kingstonian 1; Clapton 1, Tooting and Mitcham United 3; Ilford 1, Hayes 1; Leatherhead 2, Leytonstone 0; Oxford City 1, Dagenham 0. Second division: Southall 4, Harwich and Parkeston 1; Tilbury 2, Horsham 1.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Alton 1, Worthing 3; Eastbourne United 0, Hornchurch 3; Leyton 0, Ruislip Manor 1; Marlow 0, Ware 0; Rainham 2, Lewes 2. Second division: Edgware 1, Egham Town 2; Faversham Town 1, Harrow Borough 3; Feltham 0, Addlestone 5; Hemel Hempstead 1, Willesden 0; Molesey 0, Eastbourne 3; Uxbridge 6, Windsor and Eton 2; Wingate 2, Aylesbury United 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 0, Grantham 2; Cambridge City 0, Kettering 1; Dartford 0, Wimbledon 1; Dover 0, Margate 1; Guildford and Dorking 0, Bath 3; Nuneaton 2, Atherstone 0; Romford 1, Chelmsford 3; Stourbridge 0, Telford United 0; Tonbridge 3, Maidstone 2; Wealdstone 1, Barnet 1; Yeovil 1, Weymouth 0. First division: North: Banbury 3, Milton Keynes 1; Bedworth 3, AP Leamington 3; Bury Town 1, King's Lynn 2; Gloucester 3, Cheltenham 2; Merthyr Tydfil 1, Barry 0; Redditch 1, Bromsgrove 0; Stevenage 0, Bedford 0; Witney Town 0, Dunstable 4; Kidderminster 0, Worcester 0; Tamworth 3, Enderby 0. South: Andover 0, Basingstoke 0; Ashford 2, Folkestone and Shepway 0; Bexley 3, Gravesend 0; Crawley 2, Hastings 5; Dorchester 4, Poole 0; Hillingdon 3, Metropolitan Police 2; Minehead 2, Bideford 1; Ramsgate 0, Canterbury 1; Salisbury 1, Trowbridge 1; Waterlooville 3, Bognor Regis 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor 3, Fleetwood 0; Barrow 1, Stafford Rangers 3; Boston United 1, Macclesfield 1; Goole 3, Mossley 1; Matlock 0, Runcorn 2; Morecambe 2, Gateshead 1; Netherfield 2, Worksop 2; Northwich Victoria 2, Gainsborough 0; Scarborough 4, Great Harwood 3; Skelmersdale 1, Buxton 2; Wigan Athletic 4, South Liverpool 0; Altrincham 2, Lancaster 2.

Second division

Blackpool (1) 2 Alcock, Hart — W Bromwich (0) 0 11,611
Bolton W (0) 0 18,220 — Sunderland (0) 2 Hughes, Towers
Hull City (2) 2 Croft, Hawley — York City (0) 0 10,096
Manchester U (1) 3 McIlroy, Macari, Coppell — Oldham (0) 2 Robins, Young 56,618
Norwich C (1) 1 Forbes 29,909 — Fulham (1) 2 Mitchell (2)
Orient (1) 1 Queen 6,524 — Oxford U (1) 1 D. Clarke
Portsmouth (0) 3 Kitchener (og) — Millwall (0) 0 14,329
Sheffield W (0) 0 8,505 — Southampton (1) 1 Osgood

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester U	38	23	8	7	58	28	54
Sunderland	38	17	13	8	61	32	47
Aston Villa	36	19	6	11	56	30	44
Norwich City	36	16	12	8	47	32	44
Blackpool	37	14	15	8	36	23	43
Bristol City	36	18	7	11	40	26	43
Fulham	38	13	14	11	41	33	40
Hull City	38	13	13	12	37	51	39
Oxford United	38	14	10	14	38	48	38
West Brom	36	14	9	13	42	36	37
Southampton	37	13	10	14	47	49	36
Notts County	37	11	14	12	42	49	36
Orient	37	9	18	10	25	36	36
Bolton Wands	37	13	9	15	40	38	35
Portsmouth	37	12	10	15	39	45	34
York City	37	13	7	17	46	50	33
Nottingham F	37	10	13	14	38	47	33
Oldham Ath	38	9	13	16	36	48	31
Millwall	37	10	10	17	38	46	30
Bristol Rovers	37	11	8	18	35	55	30
Cardiff City	35	8	13	14	32	48	29
Sheffield Wed	36	5	10	21	28	55	20

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Salford 20, Wigan 30; Warrington 10, Rochdale Hornets 9; Wakefield Trinity 5, Dewsbury 17; Featherstone Rovers 17, Castleford 8; St Helens 26, Widnes 6. Second division: Doncaster 11, Workington Town 24; Huddersfield 33, Blackpool Borough 8.

Third division

Aldershot (1) 2 Piper (og), Brodie — Brighton (0) 1 Winstanley 7,985
Bournemth (1) 1 Howard (pen) 6,216 — Swindon (1) 1 Eastoe
Chesterfield (0) 0 8,705 — Preston NE (0) 0
Gillingham (2) 2 Shipperley, Yeo 11,200 — Plymouth (0) 2 Green, Rafferty
Hereford U (0) 1 Gregory — Port Vale (0) 0 6,976
Wrexham (0) 0 5,833 — Crystal P (0) 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn R	38	20	11	7	57	37	51
Plymouth A	39	21	8	10	72	54	50
Charlton Ath	38	20	9	9	67	49	49
Crystal Palace	39	16	14	9	55	46	46
Port Vale	39	16	12	11	52	44	44
Preston NE	39	18	7	14	33	44	43
Swindon Town	40	16	11	13	50	51	43
Walsall	39	16	10	13	58	45	42
Peterborough	36	16	10	10	36	39	42
Gillingham	39	14	12	13	55	49	40
Hereford Utd	41	15	10	16	56	59	40
Colchester U	39	14	11	14	59	55	39
Wrexham	39	13	12	14	60	49	38
Chesterfield	41	14	10	17	56	61	38
Bury	39	13	11	15	46	43	37
Southend	40	11	14	15	41	47	36
Grimsby Town	40	12	12	16	48	58	36
Halifax Town	38	11	13	14	43	57	35
Aldershot	40	13	9	18	44	55	34
Brighton & H	38	12	9	17	46	57	33
Walford	39	9	15	15	45	60	33
Bournemouth	38	10	10	18	33	44	30
Tranmere Rvrs	37	10	7	20	48	52	27
Huddersfield	39	10	7	22	43	66	27

Rugby Union

Bath 19, Rugby 6.
Bedford 34, Streatham/Croydon 3.
Birkenhead Park 39, North of Ireland 9.
Bridgend 34, Pontypridd 7.
Bridgwater and Alb 14, O Millhillians 0.
Bristol 7, Northampton 13.
Cardiff 41, Harlequins 9.
Durham City 9, Malone 7.
Ebbw Vale 27, Abertillery 12.
Exeter 22, Moseley 24.
Gloucester 15, Fylde 12.
Harrogate 19, Kendal 6.
Headingley 12, Coventry 7.
Leicester 18, Gosforth 15.
Lydney 24, Cheltenham 18.
Maesteg 23, Nuneaton 6.
Neath 13, Aberavon 13.
Newbridge 6, Wakefield 14.
Newport 18, London Welsh 9.
Plymouth Alb 3, Wilmslow 14.
Pontypool 18, Birmingham 7.
Redruth 12, Wasps 12.
St Ives 8, St Mary's Hospital 10.
Saracens 39, Halifax 12.
Swansea 12, Barbarians 15.
Taunton 21, OMT's 10.
Torquay Ath 43, O Cranleighans 3.
Waterloo 35, Glasgow High 9.
Weston-super-Mare 9, UAU 6.
Llanelli 54, St Luke's College 9.
Gala 31, Bradford 6.
Penzance and Newlyn 3, St Thomas's Hospital 12.

Fourth division

Bradford C (1) 1 Watson 2,523 — Swansea C (2) 2 James, Bruton
Exeter C (0) 1 Beer — Brentford (0) 0 3,301
Lincoln C (0) 0 8,392 — Cambridge U (0) 0
Newport C (1) 2 Woods, White — Mansfield T (0) 1 Eccles (pen) 3,665
Southport (0) 2 Hinch, Martin (pen) — Doncaster (1) 1 Kitchen 1,515
Torquay U (2) 3 Stocks, Boulton, Chatterley — Chester (0) 0 3,713
Workington (2) 2 Harris, Geidmintis (pen) — Rochdale (0) 1 Mulvaney 1,855
Rotherham U (2) 2 Finney, Womble — Barnsley (0) 0 9,989
Shrewsbury T (4) 6 Bates (2), O'Loughlin (2), Haywood, Durban (pen) — Northampton (0) 0 4,315
Stockport (0) 1 Crowther (pen) — Reading (0) 0 1,850

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mansfield T	39	24	15	5	74	35	58
Shrewsbury	40	23	8	9	70	37	54
Rotherham	38	19	12	7	60	30	50
Chester	40	19	10	11	55	35	48
Lincoln	37	18	11	8	64	36	47
Cambridge	40	16	12	12	49	39	44
Bradford	41	16	12	13	49	40	44
Reading	38	18	7	13	53	38	43
Exeter	40	17	9	14	50	51	45
Newport	38	18	6	14	57	56	42
Southport	39	12	15	12	48	48	39
Brentford	38	14	10	14	41	38	38
Crewe	40	11	15	14	30	39	37
Hartlepool	38	14	8	16	43	49	36
Rochdale	40	11	13	16	51	64	35
Torquay	41	11	13	17	37	56	35
Barnsley	41	12	10	19	53	69	34
Northampton	38	13	8	17	56	63	34
Doncaster	40	12	9	19	54	69	33
Swansea	41	14	5	22	43	61	33
Stockport	39	11	10	18	41	63	32
Darlington	39	10	8	21	45	61	28
Workington	39	10	8	21	31	56	28
Scunthorpe	38	7	13	18	36	59	27

Leading scorers

FIRST DIVISION: M. MacDonald (Newcastle); D. Givens (QPR) 20; B. Kidd (Arsenal) 19; D. Smallman (Everton) 18; A. Clarke (Leeds) 17; A. Foggon (Middlesbrough) 16; R. Latchford (Everton) 16; F. Worthington (Leicester) 16.

SECOND DIVISION: R. Graydon (Aston Villa) 27; M. Channon (Southampton) 21; E. MacDougall (Norwich C) 20; V. Robson (Sunderland) 20; V. Busby (Fulham) 18; S. Pearson (Manchester U) 16.

Today's fixtures

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

First division

Carlisle v Burnley
Derby v Manchester C
Ipswich v Birmingham
Leicester v West Ham U
Sheffield Utd v Leeds

Second division

Bristol C v Bristol R
Millwall v Aston Villa
Nottm Forest v Sheffield W
York City v Blackpool

Third division

Halifax v Blackburn
Huddersfield v Bury (3.0)
Port Vale v Southend
Preston v Peterborough
Swindon v Charlton

Fourth division

Brentford v Newport
Darlington v Rotherham (7.15)
Doncaster v Crewe
Mansfield v Stockport
Northampton v Hartlepool
Scunthorpe v Lincoln (7.15)

Scottish second division

Stenhousemuir v Albion

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Atherstone v Stourbridge; Kettering v Nuneaton; Telford Utd v Burton. First Division—North: AP Leamington v Enderby; Bromsgrove v Worcester; Cheltenham v Merthyr Tydfil; Kidderminster v Redditch; King's Lynn v Corby; Tamworth v Bedworth.

Rugby Union

Newport v Barbarians (7.15)
Penzance & N v St Mary's Hosp (6.0)
Pontypool v Orrell (7.0)

Rugby League

First division
Bramley v Bradford Northern
Keighley v York

Second division
Batley v Hull K R (6.0).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Bromley v Walton and Hersham; Hendon v Enfield; Walthamstow Avenue v Sutton United. Subsidiary Cup: Aveley v Harlow Town; Hampton v Maidenhead United; Hertford Town v Tilbury; St Albans City v Corinthian-Casuals; Staines Town v Carshalton Athletic.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Edmonton-Haringey v Hounslow.

Motor racing

Slick decision gives Purley the flag

By John Blunsden

A combination of highly skilled driving, a well balanced chassis and a shrewd choice of tyres earned David Purley a fine victory at Brands Hatch yesterday afternoon in the third round of the ShellSport 5,000 European championship.

Driving a Chevron B30—a car originally designed for formula two racing but modified to accommodate the new Ford Cosworth 3.4 litre V6 power unit—Purley took the lead from the Irishman, Damien Magee, on the thirteenth of the 60 laps and then held off a race-long challenge from David Walker in a Chevron-Chevrolet B28 to win an exciting race by the narrow margin of two seconds. Magee, who had been fastest in practice in his Trojan, had to retire with a collapsed rear suspension.

This was the first formula 5000 race victory with the Ford engine, which is a four-camshaft race version of the engine used in the Granada saloons, and on yesterday's evidence is the first power unit effectively to challenge the Chevrolet domination of formula 5000.

Purley's car, which had started from the fourth row of the grid after what the Bognor Regis driver described as "the most dispiriting practice session I can remember" (he suffered two punctures, several mechanical problems and a damaged nose cone) was clearly more nimble than its competitors on a circuit made inconsistently slippery as a result of salt which had been applied liberally to remove the last traces of this year's dreadful Arctic-like Easter weather.

Once again the choice of tyres was critical, and Purley's team did well to select a set of dry track "slicks" and hand groove them to give some much-needed extra grip. However, the gamble only just worked, for in the closing laps, as Walker made a great effort to reduce an eight-second deficit and in the process set the fastest lap in 48.6 seconds, Purley found his car oversteering violently as he tried to increase his pace. He was considerably relieved to see the chequered flag which, inadvertently, was held out one lap early, although there is little doubt that he could have maintained his advantage for the sixtieth lap.

His victory, following a second place on the same circuit two weeks ago and a third at Oulton Park on Good Friday, puts Purley into a comfortable lead in the formula 5000 championship with 47 points, against the 24 of Ian Ashley, who finished seventh yesterday in a new Lola T 400 hastily prepared to replace his regular car which he crashed on Friday.

In an earlier race for women drivers in the latest Escort Sport saloons, which was sponsored by ShellSport and the *Evening News*, the former British skiing champion, Divina Galica, scored a convincing victory after taking the lead at the start and increasing her advantage throughout the 10 laps. It was her first victory since deciding to become a professional racing driver, and the manner of her win suggests that she may well have the talent to make the grade in an activity which, if anything, is even more competitive than the winter sport in which she did so well.

SHELLSPORT 5,000 (European championship race, third qualifying round, 30 laps): 1, D. Purley (Chevron-Ford), 49min 49.4sec (88.10 mph); 2, D. Walker (Chevron-Chevrolet); 3, A. Dean (Chevron-Chevrolet); 4, T. Walkinshaw (Modus-Ford) (56 laps completed); 5, T. Pilette (Lola-Chevrolet) (57 laps); 6, B. McGuire (Lola-Chevrolet). Fastest lap: Walker, 48.6sec (91.85 mph).
BBC RADIO ONE PRODUCTION SALOON CAR (Race A, 15 laps): 1, J. Robertson (Mazda Coupe), 16min 16.42sec (66.83 mph); 2, J. P. Aux (Mazda Coupe); 3, W. Markey (Mazda Coupe). Fastest lap: Aux, 1min 5.6sec (68.05 mph).
EVENING NEWS SHELLSPORT ESCORT WOMEN'S RACE (10 laps): 1, D. Galica, 11min 41.6sec (65.65 mph); 2, S. Tucker-Peake; 3, W. Markey. Fastest lap: Miss Galica, 1min 8.8sec (64.88 mph).
KENT MESSENGER 1,000cc SALOON CAR (10 laps): 1, J. Homewood (Sunbeam Imp), 9min 51.4sec (74.47 mph); 2, R. Calcutt (Hillman-Imp); 3, J. Schneider (Mini). Fastest lap: Homewood, 58.5sec (76.18 mph).

Rallying

Swede tastes Safari victory champagne for first time

Nairobi, March 31.—Ove Andersson, of Sweden, withstood a late challenge by top European drivers over muddy Kenyan roads to win the five-day East African Safari rally today. Andersson and Arne Hertz, his co-driver, totalled 718 penalty points to become only the second foreign team to win the 3,700-mile rally in its 23-year history.

Europeans also took the next three places in the event, in which only 14 of the 78 starters finished. Sandro Munari, in a green and white Lancia Stratos, flashed into Nairobi first on the road today, but finished second to Andersson on points with a total of 756.

He was followed by Bjorn Waldegaard, of Sweden, with 849 points, and Andrew Cowan, of Scotland, with 871. Local East African drivers filled the next six places. "I didn't know I had won until I reached the finish", Andersson said, sipping a glass of champagne. "But the car went like a dream."

Munari, this year's Monte Carlo winner and third last year in the Safari, said: "We would have won but we had one puncture too many. We had eight or nine."

The rally was marred by spectators hurling stones, some as big as footballs, at the cars, raising the possibility of the world rally officials striking the event off the calendar next year. At one point spectators even constructed a two-foot-high barrier of rubble across the course.

The event began in swirling duststorms but finished with muddy tracks as tropical storms lashed the last few hundred miles around the 19,000ft Mount Kenya and the approaches to Nairobi.

Andersson, who failed to finish last year, was several places behind the leaders for the first four days, then moved up to the front, his French-built Peugeot 504 battling with Munari's Lancia for the lead.

Munari's more powerful car streaked away from Andersson to arrive in Nairobi nearly 20 minutes ahead, but the Italian had lost heavily during the first stretch of the rally and could not cut the gap on penalty points.

RESULTS: 1, O. Andersson (Sweden) and A. Hertz (Sweden), Peugeot 504, 718 penalty points; 2, S. Munari (Italy) and L. Drews (Kenya), Lancia Stratos, 756; 3, B. Waldegaard (Sweden) and H. Thorszelius (Sweden), Lancia Stratos, 849; 4, A. Cowan (Scotland) and J. Mitchell (Kenya), Colt Lancer, 871; 5, B. Shankland (Tanzania) and C. Bates (Kenya), Peugeot 504, 901; 6, Z. Remtulla (Tanzania) and N. Jivani (Tanzania), Datsun 710, 994; 7, J. Hellier (Kenya) and K. Shah (Kenya), Datsun 160B, 1,092; 8, D. Singh (Kenya) and R. Barnard (Kenya), Colt Lancer, 1,145; 9, F. Tundo (Kenya) and A. Levitan (Kenya), Datsun 710, 1,156; 10, P. Choda (Kenya) and Mrs P. Choda (Kenya), Colt Lancer, 1,381.—UPI.

Motor cycling

First win for America

America won the John Player Transatlantic Trophy for the first time in five attempts at Oulton Park yesterday, despite their two leading riders falling off in the final leg. They gained a 24 points lead at Mallory Park on Sunday, when their number one, Roberts, won by 35 seconds.

He appeared to be heading for four wins out of four when he opened up a considerable lead in the second race yesterday, but lost control of his machine at Old Hall corner. Three laps later Romero, who was leading, came off at the same bend and this let in Britain's Woods to record his team's first victory. Mahoney finished second, but the Americans still won the trophy by 278 points to 243.

Rugby League

Wigan gain a fine victory after falling behind

Highly placed Wigan scored a fine win in one of the two first division Rugby League games played yesterday.

They quickly fell five points behind at Salford, but Wigan turned this into a 17—5 lead for themselves by half-time. In the end Wigan ran out 30—20 winners, with Fairbairn landing six goals.

It was hard luck for two Salford players, for Fiddler scored four goals and Richards three tries, but finished on the losing side.

Wigan's Lancashire neighbours, Warrington, scored a dramatic win at home to Rochdale Hornets, for they won 10—9, and almost the last kick of the match, a penalty goal by Whitehead, turned defeat into victory.

The second division leaders, Huddersfield, enjoyed a scoring spree against Blackpool, winning 33—8. The pick of their seven tries came from the captain, Senior, who took a pass on the half-way line and raced 55 yards to score between the posts.

In contrast, the bottom club, Doncaster, went down 24—11 at home to Workington, and have taken only three points out of 26 games.

Golf

Nicklaus beats challenge of Weiskopf

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, March 31.—Jack Nicklaus gained the fifty-fifth tournament victory of his career when he won the Heritage golf tournament by three strokes over a fellow American, Tom Weiskopf, here on Sunday.

Nicklaus and Weiskopf were tied for the lead after 10 holes of the final round, but Nicklaus birdied the 11th, the 15th and the 17th to clinch victory. His three-under-par 68 gave him a 72-hole total of 271, 13 under par. The win was worth about £17,000. Weiskopf, who finished with par 71 for a total of 274, collected about £9,200.

It was Nicklaus's third straight victory on the current American circuit. His next start will be in two weeks in the Masters tournament at Augusta, Georgia, where Gary Player, of South Africa, will defend his title. Player finished well back here yesterday with an aggregate of 285. He had a final round of 74. Peter Oosterhuis, of Britain, finished on 288, completing the tournament with his best round of 70, one under par.—Reuter.

Cycling

Nickson's win at the last stage

William Nickson, the national champion, riding for Great Britain, became the overall winner of the Grant's three-day international cycle race at Girvan yesterday, when he won the fourth and final stage of 75 miles.

Nickson sprinted clear of three other riders who had been with him for all but 10 miles of the stage. Gregson was second and a Dutchman, Luberding, third. A few seconds behind them another Great Britain rider, Griffiths, completed the breakaway group which eventually finished more than five minutes ahead of the next group and seven minutes ahead of the main field.

The British team took most of the prizes with three stage victories, two of them going to Nickson who won the points classification, and also the overall team prize.

STAGE 4 (75 miles): 1, W. Nickson (GB), 3hr 7min 2sec; 2, R. Gregson (Merseyside), 3:7:29; 3, H. Luberding (Netherlands), 3:7:29; 4, P. Griffiths (GB), 3:7:35; 5, A. Kemp (Glasgow-side), 3:12:35.
FINAL OVERALL PLACINGS: 1, Nickson, 10:56:56; 2, Luberding, 10:58:29; 3, Gregson, 11:1:8; 4, A. Cornall (GB), 11:1:25; 5, P. Carbutt (Birmingham), 11:2:48.

SPORT

Swimming

Miss Turrall breaks world record by four seconds in London

By Neil Allen

Esther Williams always used to prove there was no business like show business, even when you were sopping wet. That was the same approach as the 14-year-old *Australian, Jenny Turrall,* when she beat the world 800 metres free-style swimming record in the Coca-Cola meeting at Crystal Palace yesterday.

The time of Miss Turrall, eight stone and 5ft 5in, was 8min 43.48sec, compared with the old world record of 8min 47.59sec by the American, Jo Harshbarger, last August. Wide eyed, pink cheeked, Miss Turrall explained afterwards, just like any starlet: "I wanted to break a world record for Art Meyer who's here making a movie of me on tour. He wanted me to and I had to kind of break a record." *Someone asked her* "What kind of movie?" and Miss Turrall explained cheerily: "A movie movie" before adding "A documentary".

Actually, she also covered 16 lengths of the 50 metres pool faster than any other girl, for her coach, Forbes Carlile, who *planned beforehand the pace that* was necessary and provided the motivation which, said Miss Turrall, "gives a kind of boost in your own blood. No, I couldn't have gone faster, well, anyway, I don't like to say that."

Mr Carlile, sitting in the stands away from the interview as befits *one not officially with the Australian* team, told me: "The only time I was at all worried was just before the halfway when Jenny wasn't stroking quite fast enough—slowing to about 5.3sec for 10 strokes. But she picked up later and was going 4.8sec at the end. The background to this record was the hard *two weeks' training she* had after being a little disappointing in the Australian championship in February. She complained about being tired and hated me for those 12 sessions a week at the time, but coming to England gave her a psychological lift."

The table below compares the "*split*" *times of Miss Harshbarger,* recorded electronically,



Jenny Turrall: now a "movie star".

with those of Miss Turrall rounded off to tenths.

	Harshbarger	Turrall
100m	1min 3.81sec	1min 4sec
200m	2 : 8.66	2 : 10.7
300m	3 : 14.41	3 : 17.2
400m	4 : 20.37	4 : 23.5
500m	5 : 26.93	5 : 28.4
600m	6 : 33.85	6 : 33.5
700m	7 : 40.59	7 : 38.9
800m	8 : 47.59	8 : 43.48

Brian Brinkley, of Britain, again had mixed fortune as on Saturday. He beat his national 400 metres butterfly record of 57.93sec with 57.50sec but finished second in his heat to the American, Greg Jagenburg, *who turned in 26.8sec and* touched home in his fastest time of 56.47sec. Up to the end of last year 16 men had gone faster, 11 of them from the United States.

In the 400 metres free-style Brinkley was frustrated by not being able to swim in the same heat as Stephen Holland, of Australia, because he had not done a fast enough time when the entries were received two weeks ago. Brinkley's coach, Charles Wilson, said bitterly: "Next time they should shoot the Englishman to make sure he has no hope." But officials felt they could not juggle with the draw even though a Norwegian was prepared to swap heats with Brinkley.

With no real opposition, Brinkley went out in 2min 1.88sec for the first 200 metres and then slowed to a final time of 4min 4.49sec, one tenth slower than his national record. In any case, he has now discovered that the programme for the world championships in Colombia next July will not allow him to swim the 400 metres free-style as well as the butterfly.

Yesterday's results

Men

100 METRES FREE-STYLE: 1, S. Zacharov (USSR) 53.76sec; 2, G. Jagenburg (US) 54.16; 3, G. Windeatt (Australia) 54.24; 4, A. Bodanov (USSR) 54.43; 5, G. MacDonald (Can) 54.67; 6, A. Strenk (W Germany) 54.91.

400 METRES FREE-STYLE: 1, S. Holland (Australia) 4min 1.84sec; 2, B. Brinkley (England and Wales) 4:4.49; 3, B. Naylor (N Zealand) 4:5.98; 4, A. Hargitay (Hungary) 4:8.77; 5, C. Sos (Hungary) 4:11.18; 6, A. Bogdanov (USSR) 4:11.76.

100 METRES BACKSTROKE: 1, Z. Verraszto (Hungary) 58.80sec; 2, J. Marohl (US) 1min 0.22sec; 3, J. Gulyas (Hungary) 1:1.20; 4, R. Rudolf (Hungary) 1:1.21; 5, S. Bunce (England and Wales) 1:1.3?; 6, P. Lerpiniere (England and Wales) 1:2.03.

100 METRES BUTTERFLY: 1, G. Jagenburg (US) 56.47sec; 2, B. Brinkley (GB) 57.50 (British record); 3, M. Kraus (W Germany) 58.97; 4, S. Nash (England and Wales) 59.21; 5, J. Adams (Canada) 59.30; 6, P. Remmel (W Germany) 59.42.

100 METRES BREASTSTROKE: 1, N. Pankin (USSR), 1:8.35; 2, O. Wiloff (Norway), 1:8.00; 3, D. Goodhew (England and Wales), 1:8.16; 4, D. Leigh (England and Wales), 1:8.26; 5, G. Smith (Canada), 1:8.69; 6, A. Morrill (US), 1:8.87.

200 METRES INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1, Z. Verraszto (Hungary), 2:8.73; 2, A. Hargitay (Hungary), 2:8.74; 3, S. Zacharov (USSR), 2:11.28; 4, G. MacDonald (Canada), 2:13.03; 5, G. Gundersen (Norway), 2:13.06; 6, C. Sos (Hungary), 2:13.33.

Women

200 METRES FREE-STYLE: 1, S. Gray (Australia), 2:4.68; 2, E. Brigitha (Netherlands), 2:7.39; 3, A. Maas (Netherlands), 2:10.25; 4, M. Shearer (US), 2:10.37; 5, A. Brodell (US), 2:10.87; 6, M. Karlsen (Norway), 2:10.89.

800 METRES FREE-STYLE: 1, J. TURRALL (Australia), 8:43.48 (world and Commonwealth record); 2, S. Gray (Australia), 9:0.89; 3, L. McKinnon (Canada), 9:3.35; 4, M. Shearer (US), 9:27.01; 5, M. Karlsen (Norway), 9:31.29; 6, P. Osborne (England and Wales), 9:41.38.

200 METRES BACKSTROKE: 1, B. Smith (Canada), 2:21.33; 2, Z. Crovek (Hungary), 2:23.62; 3, D. Edelijn (Netherlands), 2:25.25; 4, G. Verraszto (Hungary), 2:25.39; 5, S. Hunter (N Zealand), 2:25.69; 6, M. Graham (US), 2:27.55.

200 METRES BUTTERFLY: 1, C. Gibson (Canada), 2:19.80; 2, G. Andersson (Sweden), 2:20.40; 3, Y. Aggenbach (Netherlands), 2:23.79; 4, T. Wolthus (Netherlands), 2:24.13; 5, M. Rodahl (N Zealand), 2:24.64; 6, J. Alexander (England and Wales), 2:25.18.

200 METRES BREASTSTROKE: 1, A. Kaczander (Hungary), 2:44.25; 2, S. Deschamps (Canada), 2:44.66; 3, J. Hudson (Australia), 2:44.89; 4, W. Mazereeuw (Netherlands), 2:45.32; 5, K. Dunson (US), 2:45.58; 6, M. Kelly (England and Wales), 2:46.55.

400 METRES INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1, B. Smith (Canada), 5:1.04; 2, C. Gibson (Canada), 5:2.38; 3, J. Turrall (Australia), 5:3.40; 4, J. Hudson (Australia), 5:5.15; 5, S. Hunter (N Zealand), 5:7.11; 6, L. McKinnon (Canada), 5:10.65.

TEAM PLACINGS: 1, Hungary, 103; 2, Australia, 101; 3, Canada, 95; 4, New Zealand, 75; 5, United States, 69; 6, England and Wales, 64; 7, Norway, 57; 8, USSR, 50; equal 9, Netherlands and West Germany, 45; 11, Sweden, 27; 12, Italy, 25; 13, Belgium, 24; 14, Ireland, 20; 15, Luxembourg, 0.

Wicks's first game

Steven Wicks, aged 18, made his first appearance for Chelsea against Ipswich Town at Stamford Bridge yesterday. Wicks, a member of the successful England Youth team in Madrid recently, replaced the centre back Droy, who played in Chelsea's victory at West Ham on Saturday. Droy had a recurrence of the knee injury which forced him to miss six matches prior to the game at Upton Park.

Hull KR make changes

Hull Kingston Rovers, striving for promotion from Rugby League's second division, have chosen George Kirkpatrick at full back for their game at Batley today (6 pm). He replaces Smithers, who has returned to Australia. They have brought back Turner at stand-off half and Brown at loose forward.

Rugby Union

Barbarians hang on as Swansea miss chances

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Swansea 12 Barbarians 13

The Easter weather in Wales turned sour shortly before half time at St Helens yesterday, enough drizzle falling to make conditions testing. Though the Barbarians were hard pressed to maintain a slender lead throughout the fourth quarter, when Swansea had possession in plenty from every source, the combination of a greasy ball, poor Swansea handling and passing, or sheer tactical ineptitude, ensured that every chance was cast away.

Blyth had a last opportunity to win the match with a penalty goal from the halfway line, but was well short. So the Barbarians prevailed by three penalty goals and a try to a goal and two penalty goals.

Until they ran out of a bit of steam in the second period the Barbarians' pack scrummaged solidly enough to supply their backs with ample ball, to swing their opponents on the Swansea put-in and to provide Weston with a platform for plundering Dyer. Old prompted the piece in his most relaxed and versatile fashion, and Squires, on the left wing, was enabled to make as many telling runs as England have allowed him all season. Kent contributed some clean and forthright touches in the centre, and that lively footballer, Tony Richards, was always popping up in the action.

Swansea took a long time to develop a rhythm, but their was never any doubt about the work rate of Keyworth, a big strong, young flanker with English qualifications (he has played for North Midlands) who had an outstanding game in attack and defence.

It was Keyworth's drive, supported by the hooker, Mages, that all but led to an early touch down by Clegg. But, after a scrappy start, Barbarians made all the early running. A counter attack by Richards, a scissors between Richards and Squires, and another burst from Squires, supported by Ripley and Weston, almost led to a try by Price. Old's first penalty goal, kicked after a line-out offence from 30 yards to the left, was appropriate reward for enterprise and pressure.

Blyth had one of those days when his kicking at goal varied between the sublime and the gorblimey. Having completely muffed a longish attempt in the early stages, he now struck a beauty, high between the posts, from a difficult angle. Old then landed *another* whereupon a Barbarians line-out infringement gave Blyth a second chance to put Swansea on terms. This he had no trouble in doing, again from a testing angle. Blyth then made a thorough mess of a long one and when Bell was apprehended for a stiff arm tackle on Higgins (it was not done with malevolent intent) he pulled a further attempt from wide out.

Barbarians got their try, a splendid one, when Swansea came unstuck in running a tapped penalty. The visitors worked the ball down the line to Squires who thrust inwards, going from overdrive into top gear, before he unselfishly looked for support. This was forthcoming in the shape of Faulkner, with Wheeler and Beaumont *in* attendance on the right. Beaumont plunged over for the try to highlight a rousing all round personal performance.

Had he not lost his footing, Wheeler might have got away for a try following a touchline drive by Ripley and Richards. The last named also went close from a tapped penalty. Then Old's third penalty goal gave Barbarians a lead of 13—6.

Midway through the second half, as Swansea built up their pressure, Barbarians won a line-out but lost possession in the subsequent maul. Dyer fed his partner, David Richards, who slipped a tackle and thrust powerfully to the line in a confined space to score under the posts. Blyth's conversion brought the scoreline to its final state, and thereafter Swansea's catalogue of errors began.

SWANSEA: R. Blyth; R. Woodward, C. Janczewski, D. Jenkins, G. Higgins; D. Richards, R. Dyer; A. Lewis, A. Mages (captain), A. Evans, B. Clegg, G. Wheel, T. Evans, M. Davies, M. Keyworth.

BARBARIANS: G. Richards (Wasps); A. A. Richards (Fylde), D. Bell (Watsonians and Scotland), C. P. Kent (Oxford University), P. J. Squires (Harrogate and England); A. G. B. Old (Middlesbrough and England, captain), L. E. Weston (Rosslyn Park and England); A. G. Faulkner (Pontypool and Wales), P. J. Wheeler (Leicester and England), G. Price (Pontypool and Wales), W. Beaumont (Fylde and England), A. K. Rodgers (Rosslyn Park), M. A. Biggar (London Scottish and Scotland), A. G. Ripley (Rosslyn Park and England), H. Jenkins (Llanelli).

Referee: M. S. Lewis (Cardiff).

Coventry make recovery

By Tom Cooban

Headingley 12 Coventry 7

Hammered by Headingley throughout the first half, Coventry recovered so well in the second that *victory was within their grasp.* It was not Coventry's day. With only 15 minutes gone they lost their stand-off, B. J. Corless, with a strained knee.

A run by Williams in the first minute gave Headingley what seemed a certain try but Beaumont snatched at and missed his pass. A penalty goal by Lambert was immediate recompense and an encouragement which kept Headingley attacking for most of the first half. Rossborough was short with a couple of penalties which cold have changed the situation before Lambert got his second penalty. Honest endeavour kept the game bubbling until near half-time when it erupted with a brilliant Headingley try. All the back row handled, Williams ran almost to the line, where McGeechan took his pass and dived over. Lambert converted.

Helped by the wind, Coventry staged their second half rally. Rossborough made amends for yet another failure with a penalty kick by being in a try-scoring position *when Grimshaw passed to him* from a scrummage on the Headingley line, but the conversion was beyond him. With Coventry continuing to win the scrummages, the backs had good chances. Cardwell was held on one wing and Maisey on the other. The pack nearly scored a push-over try and when Rossborough at last kicked a penalty awarded for an infringement in front of the posts, Coventry saw a possibility of victory which Headingley averted only by luck and endurance.

HEADINGLEY.—A. Bottomley; C. Lambert, I. McGeechan, C. J. Hunt, W. Hartley; C. Williams, M. Lampkowski; M. Wright, V. Oliver, B. Hanson, M. Beaumont, K. Newman, T. White, T. Donovan, T. Stewart.

COVENTRY.—P. Rossborough; S. Maisey, P. Coulthard, G. W. Evans, T. Barnwell; B. J. Corless, C. Grimshaw; T. Corless, J. Gallagher, J. Robinson, B. F. Ninnes, D. Simpson, R. Cardwell, B. C. Holt, J. Barton.

Referee: M. Walker (Yorkshire).

Welsh have a good cure for bad Memory

By Peter Marson

Cardiff 41 Harlequins 9

A *rousing* display in the second half, wherein Cardiff ran in six tries, four of which were converted, destroyed Harlequins at Cardiff Arms Park yesterday. So it has been a happy Easter for Cardiff who, having played marvellously well to beat the Barbarians on Saturday, now triumphed by four goals, two tries and three penalty goals to a goal and a penalty goal.

At the halfway mark Harlequins had stood alongside Cardiff at 9—9, and although Legg had gone off suffering from concussion moments before the interval, there had been *little* indication of the kind of success Cardiff were to achieve, or of a deterioration in Harlequins's defence.

Yet in a brilliant beginning to the second period Cardiff chalked up 22 pts, and thenceforward it was a question only of measuring the size of the Englishmen's defeat. *Cardiff, showing a greater* degree of skill, speed and enterprise, erased with a vengeance the unhappy memory of an afternoon last October, when Harlequins beat Cardiff 18—9.

Both teams had made changes, Jones taking Gerald Davies's place on the right wing and Barry taking *James's place at stand-off* half. Hiller and Rawle formed a partnership at half-back for Harlequins, and Thomas, a prop forward, came into the side at hooker in Barry's place.

The first action involved the two place kickers, Davies and Bushell, and after each had found the target *from around* 30 yards' range, Harlequins scored the first try, and a splendid effort it was, too, with Tikoisuva's invention taking him from the right flank to the left and, threading his way skilfully through a host of defenders, to a try halfway out. Bushell crowned a fine achieve*ment with his conversion.* By half-time Davies had brought equality with another two penalty goals.

The impact of Cardiff's second-half assault left Harlequins somewhat bemused, and a previously sound and disciplined defence became unsure and questionable. *Camilleri, a speedy wing, ran in* two tries, Finlayson, Roger Lane, Stuart Lane and Evans one each, and Davies landed four conversions.

CARDIFF: J. Davies; G. Jones, P. Evans, A. A. J. Finlayson, C. Camilleri; D. Barry, A. Lewis; B. Nelmes, A. Phillips, M. Knill, P. Rawlins, P. Kallonas, R. Lane, C. Smith, S. Lane.

HARLEQUINS: K. M. Bushell; J. Burroughs, D. A. Cooke, P. J. Grant, P. B. Tikoisuva; R. Hiller, P. Rawle; T. Claxton, G. Thomas, M. Claxton, N. O. Martin, C. Barrett, J. Legg, A. Alexander, P. Simmons.

Referee: K. C. Parfitt (Port Talbot).

Cambridge tour

Tokyo, March 31.—Cambridge University rugby union team left here by air for home via Moscow today after completing a four-game tour of Japan. They won three and lost one of the matches.—Reuter.

No decision on venue

Ted Croker, the FA secretary, said yesterday that no decision had yet been made as to whether England would play Northern Ireland in Belfast on May 17 as part of the Home Countries Championship.

Bristol's best forward also their best back

By Alan Gibson

Bristol 7 Northampton 13

For the most part this was rather boring rugby, though it had its compensations. For one thing, the match was not decided by punches or penalty goals. For another, it was a good-hearted ending to the long series of games *which* Northampton have played on the Memorial Ground on an Easter Monday (Relations have not been upset—just itineraries changed).

It is also a merit in a game that the better side wins, and Northampton were undoubtedly the better *side. They scored* a goal, a try, and a dropped goal, to a try and a penalty goal. They would would have won by much more if Larter had been kicking well.

Bristol chose a young, uncertain side, no doubt a sound policy at this stage of a relatively unsuccessful season, though it was, I felt, a pity that Pearn did not play at scrum half. He would have coped better with the masterful Page than Cleaton did, not that I would wish to say anything to discourage Cleaton, who is a player of promise.

But experiment does need to be *matched* with experience, as was demonstrated by the performance of Watt, who was not only Bristol's best forward but also (Plummer apart) for long periods their best back. Watt's heaving strides, his furrowed brow and waving arms never quite took him to the Northampton line, but he was near enough to it sufficiently often to constitute, at least for a Bristol crowd, another major compensation.

Bristol scored first, after half an hour, a lucky try I suppose but skilfully seized by Plummer, grabbing and clinging to a kick out of defence which hit him on the chest with such force that it might have knocked a lesser man over. Before half time, Larter missed three penalty attempts, none easy but none impossible.

Northampton scored their first try early in the second *half. Bristol* had the throw in at a lineout, 12 yards from their line. Northampton won the following ruck, lured the defence by missing out a man, and Bignell had plenty of room for his try on the right, which Larter converted.

Cannon scored Northampton's second try, after a Bristol defensive kick had been charged down. Larter did not kick this one. It was flukey stuff at this stage. Sorrell kicked a penalty for Bristol, and then Wright imposed himself upon the game, as he and his half back partner deserved to, by dropping a long, handsome goal.

The last 20 minutes were well contested, Bristol sometimes approaching the Northampton line but never seeming really likely to get there, despite prolonged injury time. I have, *incidentally,* discovered it to be a custom of rugby that the referees with the tightest and shortest pants play the longest injury time—although that is the only criticism I would make of Mr Norling, who handled very well a match agreeable in every respect except high quality.

BRISTOL: D. Tyler; K. Plummer, P. Johnson, R. Carter, P. Waters; D. Sorrell, H. Cleaton; M. Fry, K. Phelps, R. Speed, D. Watt, R. Williams, A. Young, P. Sams, S. Gorvett.

NORTHAMPTON: P. Raybould; P. Bignell, P. Sweet, J. Cubitt, B. Oldham; I. Wright, J. Page; N. Fox, R. Vincent, D. Powell, P. Larter, V. Cannon, R. Arnell, G. Poole, G. Phillips.

Referee: C. Norling (Wales).

Newport's reshuffle comes up trumps

By Gareth Bowen

Newport 18 London Welsh 9

Both teams arrived licking their wounds after *Saturday's* games. Newport were forced through injury and loss of form to make 10 changes after Moseley came and thrashed them 29—3, their first home defeat by an English club for two and a half years. London Welsh had looked unimpressive, losing 16—7 to Aberavon, the Welsh Rugby Union Cup finalists.

Despite a late revival, the exiles lacked cohesion as Newport's reshuffled team displayed open, inventive rugby. Ripples of black and amber shirts pounded unmercifully on J. P. R. Williams, who always gives so much of himself. At times he had to dive around like a goalkeeper to cover his sluggish colleagues.

The foundation of Newport's victory was laid in the line-out, Evans and Roberts were outwhere ex-Welsh internationals jumped consistently by Watkins and Jones. From the mauls, passes *went swift and true from Evans* to outside half Wilson whose lively command made this New*port's most successful reshuffle.*

Both James for London Welsh and full-back Fuller for Newport missed penalties before the home team went ahead after 25 minutes with an unconverted corner try from the right wing by Davies after Fuller had burst into the line. The score remained unchanged until half-time.

Five minutes in to the second half, Jenkins's attempted grubber kick fanned the empty air and Burcher, a powerful centre replacement, collected the ball on his toes and ran 45 yards for the corner. London Welsh *were now in disarray, and Martin* was given a clear run-in. Fuller added the points with a fine touch-line conversion.

James, given a second chance at a penalty goal, converted from 35 yards, but immediately Rowlands, the Newport flanker, found himself alone and unchallenged on the blind side of a touchline maul. He looked around astonished, and trundled 45 yards down the touchline to score with the opposing defence hopelessly spreadeagled across the field.

The ignominy of this spectacle must have stung London Welsh, because they started to win the mauls and at last their backs began to run, although the flair of the Dawes era seems to have deserted them. It was the forwards who set up a neat passing move across the Newport posts before Griffiths won the race for the touchdown. Jenkins converted. Apart from J. P. R. Williams's spectacular recovery from a blow to the head by a size 13 boot, they had little left to offer as Newport swarmed back to the attack to put their squad in good heart for today's game with the Barbarians.

NEWPORT: G. Fuller; K. Davies, C. Jenkins, D. Burcher, J. Martin; D. Wilson, A. Evans; C. Smart, D. Ford, P. Davies, L. Jones, J. Watkins, S. Rowlands, J. Jeffery, B. Lease.

LONDON WELSH: J. P. R. Williams; C. Rees, A. Jenkins, G. James, D. Rees; M. Griffiths, W. S. Hullin; M. Jones, T. Baker, P. Poulson, G. Evans, M. Roberts, J. Mansfield, J. Vaughan, J. Simonson.

Referee: D. E. Williams (Ammanford).

National Hunt racing

Mr Straight to win narrowly at Chepstow

By John Karter

Comedy of Errors will not, after all, try to add the £3,978 first prize for today's Welsh Champion Hurdle at Chepstow to his record total of winnings under National Hunt rules. Nevertheless, with the third and fourth in last month's Champion Hurdle—Tree Tangle and Mr Straight—and last year's Champion, Lanzarote, as well as the Schweppes Gold Trophy winner, Tammuz, taking part, the field is almost as strong as it has ever been for this event.

Comedy of Errors outclassed *the opposition at Cheltenham,* winning by eight lengths from Flash Imp. Tree Tangle was a head behind in third place with Mr Straight, a further three lengths away, fourth. Tree Tangle took the lead two flights from home but could not accelerate when passed. Mr Straight never threatened to take command but stayed on well enough at the same pace.

Tree Tangle has been a model of consistency throughout the season, winning four of his seven races, being placed in the other three. He *is undoubtedly the form* horse of this race. However, I suggest that Mr Straight can turn the tables and win. Certainly, at the odds likely to be available, Ted Fisher's horse may be a better value bet.

Considering Mr Straight had been off the course since falling in the Schweppes Gold Trophy at Newbury five weeks earlier, he ran a fine race. Before the Schweppes he had run well to finish third to Comedy of Errors and Lanzarote in the Irish Sweeps Hurdle at Leopardstown, appear*ing unlucky* when he was squeezed out on the final bend.

Although Lanzarote is normally a consistent performer, he seems to be the enigma of the race. He soon dropped out of contention in the Champion Hurdle and again, albeit under a big weight, in the Schweppes. At his best he would win, but two failures in important races seem ominous. Tammuz's courageous Schweppes win continued the improvement he had been showing all season. He has yet to prove he can beat opposition of today's calibre

Wetherby programme

2.0 DEIGHTON HURDLE (Div I: novices: £340: 2m)

1 400013 Dalwhinnie (D) (Sir W. Pennington-Ramsden), D. Morley, 6-12-0 ...... B. R. Davies
4 02-0 Ballylough VI (P. Greenall), Mrs M. Greenall, 7-11-7 ...... Mr Greenall 3
6 003 Banacheck II (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-11-7 .. T. Stack
9 00224 John Brown (Mrs Richards), D. Richards, 5-11-7 .. M. Gifford
10 0p00 Master Ted (P. Hunt), Miss S. Hall, 5-11-7 ...... P. Mangan
11 0 Mockey Joe (G. Richards), Richards, 5-11-7 ...... J. Donaghy
12 000-00 Muckle Bay (J. Hartley), Hartley, 7-11-7 ...... P. Broderick
13 0 Northerner (Maj J. Rubin), G. Richards, 5-11-7 ...... R. Barry
14 30-0302 Peppercorn (M. Reavey), J. Bloom, 6-11-7 .... Mr Bloom
16 Prince Bay (Lord Petersham), W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-7 ...... Mr Stanhope
17 002-p00 Sovereign Seal (G. Coatsworth), Coatsworth, 6-11-7 ...... Mr Coatsworth 7
18 02p420 Torso (Miss Johnston), Mrs S. Chesmore, 5-11-7 .. P. Brogan
19 f01003 Culberge (D) (G. Wilkinson), E. Weymes, 4-11-3 .. A. Dickman
23 334 Ayoca Belle (D. Moore), C. Searle, 4-10-10 .... S. A. Taylor
24 0300 Creewles (A. Dickinson), J. Harris, 4-10-10 .... J. Marshall 7
25 0 Old Whyly (Mrs Murray), T. Page, 4-10-10 ...... D. Munro
26 00440 Pacino (Mrs Collins), I. Jordon, 4-10-10 ...... G. Griffin
30 0 Spartan Sandal (G. Barlow), Barlow, 4-10-10 .. Mr Eubank 5
31 Tawnied (S. Mear), W. Wharton, 4-10-10 ...... —
33 f02222 The Urchin (R. Thomas), M. Naughton, 4-10-10 C. Tinkler

3-1 Northerner, 7-2 Dalwhinnie, 11-2 John Brown, 8-1 Peppercorn, The Urchin, 10-1 Ballylough VI, Culberge, 12-1 Banacheck II, 16-1 others.

2.30 LEEDS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £810: 2m 50yd)

2 100-013 Donohill (Mrs Dickinson), A. Dickinson, 8-12-2 M. Dickinson
3 112100 London Express (CD) (W. McFarlane), C. Bell, 7-12-2 ...... M. Barnes
8 221121 The Gent (Mrs Cheesbrough), W. A. Stephenson, 7-10-9 T. Stack
10 31-0 Mixed Double (Mrs Milligan), B. Wilkinson, 10-10-2 D. Atkins
11 3111o2 Baltizar (CD) (Mrs Carr-Walker), A. Kemp, 9-10-1 V. Percival 3
13 f4p3u0 Three Fred's (CD) (Maj G. Maley), A. Watson, 8-10-0 ...... G. Graham 7

7-4 London Express, 5-2 Donohill, 9-2 The Gent, 6-1 Baltizar, 8-1 Mixed Double, 16-1 Three Fred's.

3.0 MONTAGU HURDLE (Handicap: £1,387: 2½m)

1 420000 Ashendene (D) (J. Van Geest), G. Vergette, 5-12-1 R. Weaver
2 021f01 Raynham (CD) (Miss Thorley), D. Morley, 5-11-9 B. R. Davies
3 p-00 Dark Sultan (C) (Mrs Deterding), T. Page, 7-11-7 G. Griffin
4 021441 Raise You Again (D) (Mrs Hunter), W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-6 ...... R. Collins 7
5 211110 Dux (CD) (Mrs Gregory), S. Hall, 5-11-2 ...... D. Munro
6 000034 The Last Light (J. Dixon), Dixon, 6-11-1 .. Mr Hetherington 7
7 244303 Bongobah (D) (Grp-Capt H. Hanmer), F. Dever, 6-11-0 ...... S. A. Taylor
9 f023bf Cancello (C) (Maj W. Burdon), N. Crump, 6-10-13 D. Atkins
11 1f-0000 Scorion Boy (Mrs Shaw), Denys Smith, 6-10-11 .. A. Dickman
12 0-00210 Tremendous (D) (B. Platts), Platts, 6-10-10 .. G. Holmes
13 102112 Ribanco (D) (J. McGhie), G. Richards, 5-10-9 .... R. Barry
14 412000 Shipwrecked (CD) (C. Platts), Miss S. Hall, 5-10-6 .. —
15 00- Barrio (Mrs Scott-Percival), J. Turner, 6-10-3 .... J. Doyle
16 031031 Sunshine Sam (D) (Mrs Richards), D. Richards, 7-10-3 ...... M. Gifford
17 031300 Uncle Vanya (D) (J. Jordon), Jordon, 5-10-1 .... P. Brogan
19 4f3024 Glimarsh (D) (J. Henderson), T. Barnes, 6-10-0 .... M. Barnes
23 4423f3 Old Stephen (D) (J. Walby), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-0 T. Stack
25 p Reviver (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 8-10-0 .. W. Redfern
26 00000 Camus (CD) (N. Scarth), C. Boothman, 12-10-0 .. C. Tinkler

4-1 Raynham, 9-2 Cancello, 11-2 Ribanco, 8-1 Ashendene, Dux, Old Stephen, 10-1 Raise You Again, Sunshine Sam, 12-1 Shipwrecked, 16-1 others.

3.30 INGMANTHORPE STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £408: 3m 100yds)

1 1034-11 Tetravona (Mrs Dun), T. Dun, 8-12-10 .... Mr G. Macmillan
2 11-4400 Bear's Slipper (CD) (G. Barlow), Barlow, 11-12-7 ...... Mr Eubank 5
3 41134-2 Home Cured (D) (J. Emerson), Emerson, 8-12-7 Mr Berry 7
4 00112-3 Kerman (J. Brisco), Brisco, 11-12-7 ...... Mr Lamb
5 1443-03 Skygazer (Lady Rowley), G. Cunard, 12-12-7 .... Mr Bloom
10 1 Fire Lighter (Mrs Newton), Mrs R. Newton, 8-12-0 ...... Mr Newton 7
11 002f40 Gus (J. Richardson), Richardson, 8-12-0 .. Mr Whitaker 7
12 22-21 Lady Annapurna (A. Johnson), Johnson, 8-12-0 .. Mr Walker 7
13 4044p-3 Saggart's Choice (A. Hodgkinson), Hodgkinson, 12-12-0 ...... Mr Greaves
15 2u1 Tom Tallon (Mrs Robson), E. Robson, 9-12-0 .. Mr Charlton 7
16 1-p124 Triple Pledge (D. Cornish), V. Thompson, 7-12-0 Mr Gray 5
17 f1-30 Whitsun Joe (Mrs Ellwood), Mrs P. Ellwood, 9-12-0 Mr Cowen 7
18 Bally Jewel (D. Lee), Lee, 6-11-7 ...... —
20 f42f- Ravenat (R. Green), B. Thompson, 6-11-7 ...... —

7-2 Home Cured, 4-1 Lady Annapurna, 9-2 Tetravona, 6-1 Firelighter, 10-1 Bear's Slipper, 12-1 Skygazer, Tom Tallon, 14-1 Kerman, Triple Pledge, 20-1 others.

4.0 SPRINGS HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 2m)

3 0-01011 Timbo (D) (J. Craig), P. Carr, 8-11-6 ...... J. Nugent
5 120300 Wylam Bay (CD) (Mrs Leck), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-13 ...... G. Faulkner
6 3-03043 Whistling Penny (CD) (Miss Thompson), W. Hall, 7-10-13 ...... R. Nicholls
9 240214 Even Melody (D) (S. Green), N. Crump, 6-10-8 .. C. Hawkins
12 00100 Master Scorchin (CD) (E. Helmshaw), M. H. Easterby, 4-10-2 ...... I. Moulton
13 0201-00 Moonlight Chase (Mrs Brotherton), G. Cunard, 6-10-2 ...... G. Lockerbie
14 011304 Fogbound (D) (H. Lane), Mrs J. Simpson, 4-10-1 B. Donnelly
15 00p001 Strahdis (D) (Mrs Harris), Mrs S. Chesmore, 7-10-0 P. Gannon
16 234400 Birdcage Walk (D) (Mrs Bircham), T. Kersey, 5-10-0 D. Turnbull
17 233002 Miss Milford (R. Hall), C. Boothman, 5-10-0 .... P. McCardle

13-8 Whistling Penny, 7-2 Timbo, 4-1 Wylam Bay, 8-1 Even Melody, 10-1 Master Scorchin, 12-1 Birdcage Walk, Strahdis, 16-1 others.

4.30 DEIGHTON HURDLE (Div II: £340: 2m)

1 122410 Stanwick Sovereign (D) (Mrs Hall), W. A. Stephenson, 4-12-3 ...... T. Stack
2 300414 Cooper's Hill (D) (J. McGhie), G. Richards, 5-12-0 R. Barry
7 00044 Cricket Boot (Mrs Jones), D. Morley, 5-11-7 ...... B. R. Davies
11 0f0 Mucaine (D. Trefusis), J. FitzGerald, 6-11-7 ...... J. Crowley
13 u-0pfpo No Bother (Mrs Bloom), J. Bloom, 6-11-7 ...... Mr Bloom
14 004004 Park Road (Lady Barber), B. Wilkinson, 5-11-7 .... D. Atkins
15 f04002 River Buck (G. Barlow), Barlow, 5-11-7 ...... M. Barnes
18 p0 Take Notice (Miss Cathcart), N. Crump, 5-11-7 C. Hawkins 7
19 302004 Tudor Court (F. Smith), L. Shedden, 5-11-7 .. M. Dickinson
21 00001p Penzance (J. Van Geest), G. Vergette, 5-11-3 .... R. Weaver
23 402200 Sellogan (Mrs Laight), F. Wiles, 4-10-10 ...... S. Wiles 7
24 00 Charming Thought (Mrs King), M. H. Easterby, 4-10-10 ...... P. Broderick
26 0 In Chancery (E. Steele), A. Dickinson, 4-10-10 I. Moulton 7
27 0003 Lirica (J. Elvin), B. Platts, 4-10-10 ...... G. Holmes
28 0030 Red Account (J. Hope), W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-10 D. Davies 7
30 Sarcon (A. Cooper), R. Jones, 4-10-10 ...... G. Griffin
31 Song of Norton (J. Redfern), Redfern, 4-10-10 .. Mr Redfern 7
32 0p Take Your Time (C. Wardman), T. Walker, 4-10-10 Mr Walker 7

3-2 Cooper's Hill, 3-1 Stanwick Sovereign, 5-1 Cricket Boot, 8-1 In Chancery, Tudor Court, 10-1 Penzance, Sarcon, 16-1 others.

Chepstow programme

2.15 RAGLAN HURDLE (Novices: £680: 2½m)

1 211322 Sunyboy (D) (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 5-12-5 .. W. Smith
3 0p-0001 Stories Flight (CD) (J. Gadsden), Gadsden, 5-11-12 T. Hallett 7
5 2-22013 The Dene (K. Pearce), H. O'Neill, 5-11-7 ...... C. O'Neill 7
7 422234 Flintstone (Mrs Meats), D. Barons, 5-11-7 ...... V. Soane
9 021201 Suffice (M. Soames), F. Winter, 5-11-7 ...... R. Pitman
13 0040 The Dealer (H. Ross), P. Bailey, 5-11-2 ...... J. King
15 400 Mr Darling (Mrs Hanley), Hanley, 5-11-2 .... Mr S. Stanhope
20 Bantry Bay (Mrs McKinlay), Mrs A. McKinlay, 4-10-7 —
22 423202 Forlorn Raid (Mrs Hambro), L. Kennard, 4-10-7 E. Wright
25 00 *Well Endowed (R. Horton), R. Horton, 4-10-7 .. Mr G. Jones 5

5-2 Suffice, 4-1 The Dene, 9-2 Sunyboy, 11-2 Forlorn Raid, 8-1 Flintstone, Stories Flight, 12-1 The Dealer, 20-1 others.

2.45 TINTERN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £850: 2m)

1 313p4p Canasta Lad (D) (Mrs Hague), P. Bailey, 9-12-5 .... J. King
2 131123 Wild Fox (D) (R. J. Joel), R. Turnell, 8-11-10 .. A. Turnell
3 010222 Vikrom (CD) (Mrs Craig), F. Winter, 8-11-9 ...... R. Pitman
4 14-f21 Polymic (CD) (J. Cobden), Cobden, 9-11-8 .... B. Jones 3
7 332021 Tinker Boy (D) (Mrs Kent), Kent, 9-10-7 ...... P. Haynes 5
8 4-f4012 Catsgore (D) (Miss Lewis), Mrs E. Kennard, 7-10-6 ...... P. Richards 7
10 0-00b13 Eagle Feather (D) (D. Stokes), J. Cann, 6-10-3 John Williams
11 0p33pp *Coolera Prince (D) (Mrs Bricknell), N. Wakley, 10-10-0 —

2-1 Vikrom, 4-1 Tinker Boy, 11-2 Polymic, Wild Fox, 7-1 Eagle Feather, 8-1 Catsgore, 14-1 others.

3.15 WELSH CHAMPION HURDLE (£3,978: 2m)

2 121123 Tree Tangle (D) (Mrs Williams), R. Turnell, 6-11-8 A. Turnell
3 1t2020 Calzado (D) (Ld Howard de Walden), F. Winter, 7-11-4 ...... J. Francome
4 122010 Lanzarote (D) (Ld Howard de Walden), F. Winter, 7-11-4 ...... R. Pitman
5 1-043f4 Mr Straight (D) (Miss Millar), W. Fisher, 7-11-4 .. N. Wakley
6 u1-0111 Tammuz (D) (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 7-11-4 .... W. Smith
7 030040 True Song (CD) (Mrs Underwood), D. Underwood, 6-11-4 G. Old

11-10 Lanzarote, 3-1 Tree Tangle, 7-2 Tammuz, 8-1 True Song, 12-1 Mr Straight, 16-1 Calzado.

3.45 VALLEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £335: 3m)

1 31214p Highland Explorer (D) (S. Bosley), D. Nicholson, 10-11-9 ...... Mr A. J. Wilson
5 1441f2 Royal Thrust (Mrs Greenhalgh), F. Rimell, 6-11-3 .. —
11 204042 Norwell (M. Low), Low, 8-10-7 ...... Mr G. Jones 5
12 1430p3 Front Seat (C) (Mrs Paterson), A. Paterson, 11-10-7 ...... Mr J. Paterson 7
13 01ffp0 Star Beauty (CD) (Mrs Robertson), N. Wakley, 7-10-7 —
14 4f-0040 Gold Rights (D) (Mrs Parkyn), R. Armytage, 9-10-7 ...... Mr S. Parkyn 3

9-4 Front Seat, 11-4 Norwell, 4-1 Royal Thrust, 11-2 Highland Explorer, 8-1 Gold Rights, 16-1 Star Beauty.

4.15 SEVERN BRIDGE HURDLE (Handicap: £544: 2m)

1 341430 Perambulate (CD) (Mrs Meats), D. Barons, 6-12-2 .. V. Soane
2 000210 Drumwynk (CD) (Mrs Powell), D. Hanley, 6-11-13 R. Pitman
3 111f13 Centaur (D) (R. Smith), F. Walwyn, 7-11-4 ...... W. Smith
4 0-32214 Hamswell (D) (Judith Lady Dulverton), T. Forster, 6-11-5 ...... G. Thorner
11 42-0012 *Flammula (D) (J. Pope), R. Turnell, 5-10-9 ...... A. Turnell
13 110422- Tirconail (D) (G. Clay), Clay, 4-10-8 ...... M. Salaman
18 133-00p Just Royal (Mrs Phipps), D. Barons, 5-10-1 ...... S. May
20 0-00033 Space Project (R. Brown), Brown, 5-10-0 ...... —

4-1 Perambulate, 9-2 Centaur, 11-2 Tirconail, 6-1 Hamswell, 8-1 Drumwynk, 12-1 Space Project, 20-1 others.

4.45 NEWMAN STEEPLECHASE (Novices: Handicap: £340: 2m)

4 000011 Buckingham (D) (H. J. Joel), R. Turnell, 5-11-8 S. C. Knight
8 022284 Darcon (Mrs M. Hambro), L. Kennard, 9-10-12 .. E. Wright
10 33-f43 Hunters Morn (CD) (M. Small), G. Small, 9-10-11 .. P. Warner
17 000f4 Telegraphy (Ld Leverhulme), S. Mellor, 8-10-0 .... J. Glover

4-6 Buckingham, 11-4 Hunters Morn, 5-1 Darcon, 10-1 Telegraphy.
*Doubtful runner.

Chepstow selections

2.15 Sunyboy. 2.45 Vikrom. 3.15 Mr Straight. 3.45 Front Seat. 4.15 Drumwynk. 4.45 Buckingham.

Chepstow results

1.45: 1, Hay Bridge (2-1); 2, Duelling Light (7-2); 3, King Gypsy (3-1). 9 ran. Naval Power and Prince Willem did not run.

2.20: 1, Bold Mariner (5-1); 2, Real Rascal (11-10 fav). 5 ran.

2.55: 1, Tabasco Time (5-4 fav); 2, Oroslo (100-30); 3, Grando King (6-1). 5 ran. Top Flag, Night School did not run.

3.30: 1, Summerville (13-8). 2 ran. Bula 4-9 fav.

3.5: 1, Mad Mahdi (9-4 jt fav); 2, (7-2). 5 ran. Garter Wood 9-4 jt fav. Joe's Laddo (100-30); 3, Village Thief Canny Spy. Final Clip did not run.

4.40: 1, Great Freda (9-2); 2, Harvest Wonder (7-2); 3, Topping (6-4 fav). 6 ran.

DAILY DOUBLE: £3.80. Treble, £22.10.

3.50: 1, Forest King (100-30); 2, Dutch Sam (9-1); 3, Lochar Moss (3-4 fav). 9 ran.

4.25: 1, Bannamoor (9-4); 2, Return Sale (10-1); 3, Bar Haze (2-1 fav). 8 ran.

4.55: 1, Lord of the Hills (5-2); 2, Lucky Victory (11-2); 3, Rubstic (2-1 fav). 6 ran.

Market Rasen

2.15: 1, Celtic Delight (100-30); 2, Ballymoy (5-1); 3, Lora, Scot (20-1). 11 ran. Nau Fair, Bright Baby did not run. Skyjack 9-4 fav.

2.50: 1, Mr Pippins (4-1); 2, Number Light (9-1); 3, Ribunda (8-1). 6 ran. Sir Mago (4-9 fav).

3.25: 1, The Bay Turk (5-1); 2, Great Park (11-4); 3, Hereward (8-1). 7 ran.

4.0: 1, Hy Flight II (8-1); 2, Super Charger (7-1); 3, Daiker (12-1). 8 ran. Set Point (8-11 fav).

4.35: 1, Lucky Libra (14-1); 2, Three Crowns (7-1); 3, Barks (5-4 fav). 13 ran. Salt Breeze did not run.

5.10: 1, Straight Lemon (8-11 fav); 2, My Ribera (11-2); 3, Parachute Pine (5-1). 6 ran. Gay Tony, Bechet did not run.

Carlisle

2.15: 1, Bosphorus Queen (6-4 fav); 2, Moschata (25-1); 3, Cool Imp (7-2). 8 ran.

2.45: 1, Dorlesa (5-4 fav); 2, Knock Twice (3-1); 3, Gorswood (5-2). 4 ran.

3.20: 1, Clesway (20-1); 2, Another Wire (33-1); 3, Sollom Song (11-1). 29 ran.

Hereford

2.15: 1, High Jump (2-1 fav); 2, Bills Bounty (5-1); 3, Flying Doctor (5-1). 16 ran. Knockers did not run.

2.50: 1, Levelled Out (evens fav); 2, Some Surprise (8-1); 3, Diamond (13-2). 8 ran.

3.25: 1, Rossiare (5-4 fav); 2, Lyon del Mar (6-1); 3, Croome (8-1). 11 ran. Revise did not run.

4.0: 1, Fitz (5-4 fav); 2, Big Cat (7-2); 3, Derlks Birthday (9-1). 10 ran. Hamerra did not run.

4.35: 1, Miss Power Face (evens fav); 2, Revise (4-1); 3, Thankyoueversomuch (7-1). 12 ran. Farthingdale, Wild Cheese, Sally W, Boschezmine, Yachtsman did not run.

5.10: 1, Don Pasquale (7-4 fav); 2, Glary (85-40); 3, Baick (6-1). 12 ran.

Towcester

2.15: 1, Toy Fire (2-1); 2, Semi-Colon (8-1); 3, Night School (6-4 fav). 8 ran.

2.50: 1, Gyllppus (7-1); 2, Coltaberry (6-1); 3, Klipspringer (6-1). 10 ran. Tudor Risk 7-2 fav.

3.25: 1, Mister Fantasy (5-1); 2, Shifting Gold (2-1); 3, Cotman (4-1). 5 ran. Davidson 6-4 fav.

4.0: 1, Half Truth (7-1); 2, Tandzla (6-4 fav); 3, Great Crack (5-2). 7 ran. Adriatic did not run.

4.35: 1, Master Eye (9-2); 2, Dream Isle (5-1); 3, Master Clive (12-1). 6 ran. Osbaldeston 2-1 fav.

5.10: 1, Yachtsman (10-11); 2, Palacelli (11-1); 3, Silveranter (7-4). 8 ran.

Fakenham

2.0: 1, SUPER ALLOY (7-2); 2, Precious Vale (8-1); 3, Toobroke (25-1). 15 ran. Cays Sky (5-2 fav).

3.35: 1, TUDOR JEWEL (6-1); 2, Redbin (6-1); 3, Levantine (10-11 fav). 8 ran.

3.10: 1, YELLOW STONE (8-1); 2, Lavender Trousers (6-4 fav); 3, Tarquinonda (25-1). 6 ran.

3.45: 1, BLACKTHORN WINTER (7-2); 2, Border Scope (10-1); 3, Culford Cottage (evens fav). 8 ran.

4.20: 1, GALA KING (12-1); 2, Trumpet Dance (9-2); 3, Barclays Own (12-1). 13 ran. Prosecute (6-4 fav).

4.55: 1, EVEN HARMONY (evens fav); 2, Abercrombie (2-1); 3, Fellamelad (7-2). 5 ran.

Wincanton

2.15: 1, Woodlands Girl (3-1); 2, Blabbermouth (12-1); 3, Hyde Park (9-4 fav). 12 ran. Forty Lines, Silver Festival did not run.

2.50: 1, Erica Jane (3-1 fav); 2, Great Opportunity (6-1); 3, Brown Jock (14-1). 10 ran. Notification did not run.

3.25: 1, Harry Zephyr (7-2); 2, Twelfth Night (8-1); 3, Canttie (3-1). 9 ran. Porter's Precinct did not run. Cornmarket (5-2 fav).

4.0: 1, Forest Rock (11-10 fav); 2, Evens Bar (7-4); 3, Shell Streak (10-1).

4.35: 1, El Cardo (6-1); 2, Chabrier (10-1); 3, Current Magic (7-2). 14 ran. Mini Prince (11-8 fav).

5.10: 1, Zeta's Son (4-5 fav); 2, Not Often (3-1); 3, Arctic Chorus (7-2). 10 ran. Velvet King did not run.

Uttoxeter

3.15: 1, King's Fling (7-1); 2, High Hatter (25-1); 3, Gins Lane (25-1). Brandenburg, Prince Willem and Reversal 5-1 jt-favs. Sovrey did not run.

2.30: 1, Cashek (11-10 fav); 2, Lepta (12-1); 3, Lanky Lad (2-1).

3.25: 1, The Horseman (10-1); 2, Going to Roost (14-1); 3, Moss Royal (9-2). Yanworth 5-1 fav. Leeward and Belate did not run.

4.0: 1, Merry Crown (10-11 fav); 2, Tessie's Boy (9-2); 3, Oxeford Common (8-1).

4.35: 1, Miles Apart (4-6 fav); 2, Tantina (12-1); 3, Goldfinder (6-1). Spartot did not run.

5.10: 1, True Vote (25-1); 2, Prune Justice (12-1); 3, Marsh Hey (8-1). Flag Viking 7-4 fav. Farthingdale, Swinging Chick, Speedy Prince and Prince Willem did not run.

Wetherby

2.0: 1, Synkyn (9-1); 2, Arthurs Choice (20-1); 3, Double Pearl (9-1). 16 ran. Sea Wanderer (8-1 jt fav); Moynalty Prince (8-1 jt fav).

2.35: 1, Ballyeanson (8-1); 2, Cumbria (14-1); 3, Last Trick (11-2). 11 ran. Paisboy (9-4 fav). Rock Rose did not run.

3.10: 1, Meridian II (11-4); 2, Bountiful Charles (20-1); 3, Supermaster (6-1). 6 ran. Tamalia (3-6 fav).

3.45: 1, Old Walter (33-1); 2, Inglebank (12-1); 3, Swanland (13-2). 15 ran. Lieur Horizon (5-2 fav).

4.20: 1, Clareville (7-4); 2, Kentish Pride (13-8 fav); 3, Half A Sixpence (12-1). 8 ran.

4.55: 1, The Badge Cadge (5-1); 2, Cantrapid (13-8 fav); 3, Birdlover (8-1). 11 ran. Glenmayne did not run.

Newton Abbot

2.15: 1, Catherine Star (12-1); 2, Castell Memories (evens fav); 3, Pride of Piwcca (9-1). 12 ran. Haddon Heath did not run.

2.50: 1, State Visitor (7-1); 2, Scottish Folly (10-11 fav); 3, Hall Fellow (5-2). 6 ran. Solon March, Bucks Head did not run.

3.25: 1, Santiago (10-1); 2, Blameless Stall (10-1); 3, Code of the Road (10-1). 15 ran. Anglesey Royal (2-1 fav).

4.00: 1, Kawaian Maiden (40-1); 2, Polly Wall (7-2); 3, Tanavogue (25-1). 10 ran. Cyllppus did not run. Mr Shell Eye (evens fav).

4.35: 1, Rio (5-1); 2, Opt Out (4-5 fav); 3, What a Palaver (6-1). 10 ran. Trade Mark, Tudor Charlie, Fougere and Velvet Prince did not run.

5.10: 1, Willow House (5-4 fav); 2, Cape Farm (11-4); 3, Bienfait (6-1). 7 ran. Blasts Blaze (5-2) was withdrawn without coming under starter's orders.

Uttoxeter programme

2.15 MARCHINGTON HURDLE (3.40: 2m 180yd)

1 201304 Unavailable (B. Elliott), H. Nicholson, 5-11-6 .... R. Dickin 5
2 200300 Golden Tudor (B. Anderson), P. Kearney, 6-11-3 R. Mangan 7
3 f8f321 Hill Leys (B. Allen), J. Webber, 6-11-3 ...... A. Webber
5 000000 Welshes (G. Broadhead), W. Whiston, 5-11-2 .. R. F. Davies
6 00b30- Border Bally (S. Torr), A. Birch, 6-10-12 ...... M. Wagner
7 f0000 Country Cousin (M. Orme), P. Bevan, 6-10-12 .. P. Connors 3
8 p000p Masie Magpie (Mrs D. Bridgett), P. Bridgett, 6-10-12 ...... Mr C. Bridgett 7
9 00-0p44 Meteorite (M. Reid), M. Reid, 6-10-12 ...... —
11 00 Solitus (M. Evans), L. Barratt, 6-10-12 ...... P. Anderson 7
13 Thornwick (A. Sutton), A. Sutton, 6-10-12 ...... B. Powell 5
14 0030 Alan's Bounty (T. Brookshaw), S. Brookshaw, 6-10-11 ...... P. Barry 7
15 bp0 Barbara's Pride (J. Lloyd), S. Underhill, 6-10-11 .. R. Mann 7
16 0000 Bobs Pal (R. Darley), B. Cambidge, 6-10-11 ...... —
17 0 Bold King (Miss S. Oliver), Mrs E. Gaze, 5-10-11 .. R. Hyett
19 0001 Ebony Dancer (P. Dunleavy), P. Cowley, 5-10-11 J. Armstrong 7
22 100 Bou Candy (R. Dale), P. Bevan, 4-10-9 ...... —
23 3211p4 French Bridge (S. Norton), Norton, 4-10-9 ...... —
24 00300p Caerlaverock (Mrs P. Hartshorne), P. Bevan, 4-10-4 .. —
25 0000 Gracchus (M. Tate), Tate, 4-10-4 ...... —
26 000004 Graceful Lad (F. Zino), C. Miller, 4-10-4 ...... D. Cartwright
28 0 My Sweet Lover (W. Poloczeki), B. McMahon, 4-10-4 .. —
29 000200 Popagu (H. Insley), W. Clay, 4-10-4 ...... N. Clay 5

3-1 Hill Leys, 9-2 Meteorite, 6-1 Unavailable, 15-2 Gracchus, 7-1 French Bridge, 8-1 Graceful Lad, 9-1 Bou Candy, 10-1 Ebony Dancer, 12-1 Alan's Bounty, 16-1 others.

2.45 HIGHBARROW STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £568: 3m)

2 0p320p Kildagin (C-D) (T. Pilkington), D. Nicholson, 11-11-9 J. Suthern
3 0-b0001 Proper Charlie (D) (Mrs M. Nicklin), C. Miller, 10-11-9 ...... D. Cartwright
4 0r0000 Francophile (D) (S. Powell), E. McNally, 10-11-7 .. G. McNally
5 f11a2p *Fly Bye (Brig J. Peterkin), W. A. Stephenson, 8-11-5 ...... —
7 pp1312 Nonsuch Hill (D) (Mrs J. Bloom), J. Bloom, 10-11-2 A. Webber
9 4410-00 Churchlands (C. Bosley), B. Cambidge, 10-10-9 ...... —
13 044130 Dad's Lad (D) (Mrs W. Shephard), R. E. Peacock, 12-10-5 ...... R. Crank

2-1 Proper Charlie, 100-30 Nonsuch Hill, 9-2 Churchlands, 6-1 Kildagin, 9-1 Dad's Lad, 16-1 Francophile.

3.15 RUGELEY HURDLE (Handicap: £544: 2m 180yd)

1 331f10 Malford Grove (C) (T. Parker), A. Birch, 7-12-2 .. M. Wagner
2 030300 Thatch Acre (D) (Robinson), J. Parrett, 7-11-5 ...... —
3 001004 Emma J (C-D) (E. Simpson), W. Whiston, 7-11-2 .. R. F. Davies
4 p Torender (B. Murphy), Murphy, 6-10-13 ...... —
5 141000 Vale Royale (G. Hackling), Hackling, 8-10-13 .. K. Barnfield
7 000200 Co-Partner (W. Jenks), Jenks, 6-10-9 ...... J. Burke
8 041172 Cotton Coon (Mrs S. Fell), S. Brookshaw, 5-10-9 ...... —
9 011-p Eternal Edward (J. Haston), J. Bradley, 5-10-8 .. M. Williams 7
10 030 Cloud Park (F. Longman), M. Tate, 6-10-7 ...... —
11 132000 Space Boy (Mrs N. Gittins), Gittins, 6-10-3 .... R. Dickin 5
12 104-010 Pride of Oily (N. Renshaw), B. McMahon, 6-10-3 ...... —
13 000034 The Gun (C-D) (Mrs H. Cleary), E. Jones, 5-10-1 ...... R. O'Donovan
14 001400 Soul Music (A. Dewsbury), B. Cambidge, 5-10-0 .... —
18 401440 Starcide (Mrs L. Clay), W. Clay, 6-10-0 ...... —

5-2 Malford Grove, 100-30 Cotton Coon, 5-1 Thatch Acre, 13-2 Emma J, 8-1 Vale Royale, 10-1 Space Boy, 12-1 Cloud Park, The Gun, 16-1 Co-Partner, 20-1 others.

3.45 CHARLES LEWIS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £763: 2m 150yd)

1 234120 Southern Lad (C) (H. Leader), W. A. Stephenson, 8-12-7 —
2 02011s Notification (C) (B. Morgan), M. Tate, 10-12-5 H. Evans 5
3 140000 Sport of Kings (M. Johnson), W. Whiston, 7-10-13 R. F. Davies
10 2-34001 Tudor Abbe (Mrs M. Turner), J. Turner, 10-10-5 A. Taylor 7
11 21-ff0 Happy Councillor (Mrs S. Norton), Norton, 8-10-4 .. —
13 343340 Master Clive (B. Allen), J. Webber, 7-10-2 .... A. Webber
15 0p2423 Saison (G. Pykett), S. Cole, 9-10-0 ...... S. Holland
17 03p030 Pennine (C) (J. Bower), Bower, 12-10-0 .... C. Astbury
18 2422p0 *Scotia's Boy (J. Mecchan), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-0 —
19 p0uup2 Le Rehetan (S. Powell), E. McNally, 7-10-0 .... C. McNally
20 404000 Zabo (J. Murphy), R. Clay, 9-10-0 ...... J. Bourke
21 0fu402 Moonee River (Mrs E. Selwyn), D. Nicholson, 7-10-0 R. Dickin 5

3-1 Notification, 9-2 Southern Lad, 5-1 Master Clive, 8-1 Tudor Abbe, 9-1 Happy Councillor, 10-1 Sport of Kings, Saison, 12-1 Moonee River, 16-1 Pennine, 25-1 others.

4.15 SIR GEOFFREY CONGREVE HUNTERS STEEPLECHASE (£340: 3m)

3 21-12 Indian Pyrite (Mrs B. Shaw), Shaw, 9-12-7 .. Mr A. Wilson
4 04-4114 Kelly's Hero (P. Wates), A. Wates, 7-12-7 Mr R. Lindley 5
6 3210-12 Menaphon (CD) (A. Twine), Twine, 13-12-7 .. Mr C. Saunders
7 f0-0440 Rodragusa (D) (B. Thornley), Thornley, 12-12-7 ...... Mr B. Thornley 7
9 113324 *Stephen's Society (D) (C. Collins), W. A. Stephenson, 9-12-7 —
11 30244f- Kingstown (N. Brookes), T. Healey, 6-12-0 .... Mr N. Brookes 7
13 340 Librarian (C. Collins), W. A. Stephenson, 6-12-0 Mr C. Collins
14 03-12 Oaken Coppice (R. Tate), Tate, 9-12-0 ...... Mr R. Tate 7

2-1 Menaphon, 7-2 Kelly's Hero, 5-1 Indian Pyrite, 6-1 Librarian, 10-1 Oaken Coppice, 16-1 Kingstown, 20-1 Rodagusa.

4.45 CHESTERFIELD HURDLE (4-y-o: £544: 2m 180yd)

1 31201 Assembly Point (S. Spokes), W. Wharton, 11-8 .. R. Champion
2 10f41s Binney (CD) (H. Gould), B. Cambidge, 11-8 Mr C. Jackson 5
3 013240 Vikings Defeat (F. Cooper), B. Cambidge, 11-3 ......
7 My Christine (E. Phillips), F. Tate, 10-12 ...... —
8 00 Air Power (S. Savins), J. Bosley, 10-12 ...... K. Maguire
9 00000 Ballygarvan Brook (R. Brookes), E. Jones, 10-12 R. O'Donovan 7
10 00300p Caerlaverock (Mrs P. Hartshorne), P. Bevan, 10-12 .. —
13 03u3 Samanza (W. Jenks), Jenks, 10-12 ...... Mr W. Jenks 3
14 032000 Turner (R. Murphy), Murphy, 10-12 ...... R. F. Davies

7-4 Assembly Point, 3-1 Binney, 5-1 Vikings Defeat, 13-2 Turner, 8-1 Samanza, 10-1 My Christine, 12-1 Ballygarvan Brook, 16-1 others.

Uttoxeter selections

2.15 Hill Leys. 2.45 Proper Charlie. 3.15 Emma J. 3.45 Notification. 4.15 Menaphon. 4.45 Assembly Point.

Wetherby selections

2.0 Dalwhinnie. 2.30 London Express. 3.0 Raynham. 3.30 Bear's Slipper. 4.0 Whistling Penny. 4.30 Cooper's Hill.

Racing

Keith's optimism over Hillandale

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

It was 10 years ago that Duncan Keith won the 2,000 Guineas Trial Stakes at Kempton Park on Niksar and the classic itself on the same colt. Yesterday, at the start of what is only his second season as a trainer, Keith returned to what was undoubtedly one of his favourite hunting grounds as a jockey to saddle Hillandale to win the same classic trial and now he has his sights set on the 2,000 Guineas once again.

"I have not been off this fellow's back all winter, and I thought that he would run really well today, judged on the way that he worked with Les Hall's Lincoln runner, Liberty Lawyer, earlier this month and on his ability to cope with soft ground." That was the way that Keith summed up his biggest triumph as a trainer. He did not say that Hillandale will win the 2,000 Guineas, for which he has now a 33-1 chance in most ante-post books, but he did insist that this improving colt is entitled to take his chance.

No wonder that Keith has a soft spot for Hillandale. Although a late foal, this attractive little colt won him all the three races that he won last year in his first season as a trainer, and now Hillandale has got him off to a flying start and put him in the public eye once again.

It was precisely the sort of result that does a newish trainer a world of good. It was also the sort of result that encourages those who dabble in racing on a small scale. Hillandale is the first foal of his owner Mrs Anne D'Ambrumenil's only mare, Queen's Penny, who is by Queen's Hussar, renowned already as a sire of winners, but not as a sire of brood mares. Hillandale is the only horse that Mrs D'Ambrumenil has in training.

The time which Hillandale took to win his trial was not so much a reflection on his ability, but more on the state of the ground. His time was 1min 39.33sec, which was 15 seconds slower than average. Hillandale is unlikely to run again before his classic, but Royal Manacle, who finished only third yesterday, is likely to be given another chance to earn his place in the field at Newmarket or at Thirsk. Yesterday Royal Manacle had anything but a clear run in the straight. By the time Carson did find an opening, Hillandale had flown.

Dominion is another colt who may well be allowed to take his chance in the 2,000 Guineas. He won the Easter Egg Stakes by 12 lengths, a distance that his owners and breeders Colonel and Mrs Percy Wright would expect to see at their local course, Wincanton, but hardly flat racing.

But 12 lengths it was, and that simply demonstrates Dominion's superiority throughout the last two furlongs. Dominion, you might say, is an appropriately named addition to the long list of winners produced by the Wrights' successful little bloodstock empire. The descendants of their two foundation mares have now won over 00 races.

Dominion was ridden yesterday by the apprentice, Ian Johnson, who is yet another product of Frenchie Nicholson's celebrated academy. It was because Colonel Wright was so impressed with the way that Johnson rode Dominion's elder half-brother, Prominent, when he won a race at Newbury last October, that he decided to retain him to ride all his horses this season. Apprentices are seldom recognized in such a way. Indeed, it might even be said that to do that is *chancing your arm* when there are some of greater experience available.

Johnson could not have made a better start to his new job and the confidence that a winning ride on Dominion will have given him will stand him in good stead.



Hillandale wins the 2,000 Guineas Trial at Kempton Park yesterday.

Dominion is one of only 10 horses that Arthur Budgett is training this year. As many will know, Budgett handed over most of his horses last autumn to James Bethel, his assistant. Dominion was Budgett's first runner this season.

Budgett told me yesterday that his other Guineas hope, Escapologist, is likely to run in the colts' trial at Ascot, but that he has no firm plan in mind for his Derby hope, Mendham, a half-brother to Blakeney and Morston, who both won the Derby for him.

Bay Express not only made a good start in his attempt to be regarded as the best sprinter in training in this country, when he won the Sceptre Stakes, he also put the finishing touches to an Easter weekend that his owners, Peter and Vivian Cooper, are unlikely ever to forget. On Saturday they saw their classic hope, Creetown, win his first race of the season, ridden by Lester Piggott. Yesterday the two brothers saw Bay Express complete a double for them, and again they had the incalculable services of Piggott.

Others might have won on both horses, but I would not like to bet on it. Piggott looked confident yesterday passing the half-way marker, so easily was Bay Express going at that juncture. There his bottom was high in the air, a familiar posture that signifies extreme confidence as far as Piggott is concerned. Inside the fifth and last furlong, however, Piggott had to sit down and ride in earnest, for it was then that Silver God came hard at him. It was as well that Bay Express's beck happened to be just that little bit longer than Silver God's because there was only an inch or two in it at the end.

Bay Express looked outstanding in the paddock beforehand, but the race was not really a true reflection of his ability. I think that we will see him give a more masterful performance—one more in keeping with a potential sprint champion—when we see him race again on better ground, as befits a horse who broke the 60-second barrier at Ascot as a three-year-old when he won the King's Stand Stakes. The Temple Stakes run at Sandown Park and the King's Stand Stakes are to be his principal objectives again in the first half of this season.

Although Kambalda ran an excellent race on his reappearance in the Campbell Gray Handicap, the finish of this race was dominated by those who had been hurdling or racing in the south of France just as the Rosebery Stakes was on Saturday. Peter Richards bought yesterday's winner, Knight Templar, after he had won a hurdle race at Plumpton in January "to give me some fun", as he put it, at Cagnes-sur-Mer in March. Knight Templar duly did what was asked of him at Cagnes-sur-Mer, winning once and being placed second in another race, and now he has picked up another good prize.

Richards also owns the talented Giacometti in partnership with Charles St George. That colt is unlikely to be seen until May when he will run in either the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury or the Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown. Rajal was Calpurnius's first runner and he became that young stallion's first winner when he ran away with the Spring Stakes in much the same way that Red Sun dominated the closing stages of the Pentecost Stakes at the end of the afternoon.

Brown Lad, trained by Jim Dreaper and ridden by Tom Carberry, ran out an easy winner of the Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse yesterday. The nine-year-old, who started 6-4 favourite, won by eight lengths from a 5-1 chance, Highway View, with a 50-1 outsider, Tubs VI, five lengths back in third place.

Brown Lad, whose last race was the Lloyds Bank Hurdle at Cheltenham, was always handily placed and jumped well. He took up the lead on the home turn from stable companion Lean Forward and went on to win comfortably.

Captain Christy, the second favourite, made jumping errors in the heavy ground and gradually faded after halfway. It was Carberry's first Irish National triumph and Jim Dreaper's second—he saddled Colebridge to win last year.

The versatile Super Trojan earned a chance in the Great Metropolitan Handicap at Epsom on April 22 with an impressive win in the Easter Monday Handicap at Warwick yesterday.

Michael Kettle gave Super Trojan a sharp reminder turning for home and the favourite stretched out in superb style to finish three lengths clear of another hurdler, Lyford Cay, who ran a fine race for an 11-year-old.

After winning over hurdles at Wolverhampton, Super Trojan failed to complete the course in his next two races to the great disappointment of the trainer, Jack Cann, who said: "Super Trojan has a lot of ability, but he's a bit of a character." Super Trojan will probably run at the next Ascot meeting before going for the Great Metropolitan Handicap.

Singing Time, a stable-mate of the Lincoln runner-up, Flying Nelly, went past Benhill Point in the final furlong of the Warwickshire Spring Handicap and then held off the strong finishing of Idle Dice, by a length. Singing Time was caught three times on the post last season. Shackle, David Robinson's 5-2 favourite, dropped back after moving easily into the lead at half-way stage.

Starlit Way looked like winning the Marton Stakes as the filly showed her 15 rivals a clean pair of heels on the home turn, but she was caught in the final furlong by Ocaso.

Another apprentice to shine was Roger Wernham, who scored his first success since he broke his arm at Bath last September, when producing Ionicus with a fine late run on the inner rail to win the selling race by a length and a half from Compensation Year.

Folkestone doubt

There will be a 10 am inspection at Folkestone today to decide on the prospects for racing there tomorrow. The going is heavy and the course is waterlogged in places.

STATE OF GOING (official): Warwick: Soft. Chepstow: Heavy. Wetherby: Good to soft. Uttoxeter: Good. Pontefract (tomorrow): Good to soft. Folkestone (tomorrow): Heavy (inspection at 10 am today). Devon (tomorrow): Soft.

Super Splash to head for a bigger pool

By Michael Seely

John Dunlop continued his remarkable run of success at Nottingham yesterday afternoon when Super Splash won the Ladbroke Victoria Centre Trophy. In the early stages of the race Cave Warrior, Tingo and Yonge St Claire were disputing the lead. Below the distance Super Splash was improving steadily on the outside of the field. Striking the front inside the last furlong the 11-10 favourite won cleverly by three-quarters of a length from Yonge St Claire with Fair Tactics half a length farther away third.

Super Splash has won four of his last five races for Mrs Simon Pendock and for Henry Seymour. Mrs Pendock is in Hongkong at present, but Mr Seymour was at Nottingham yesterday. He told me that Super Splash, who won when considered in need of the run at Cagnes-sur-Mer, had taken time to grow to his full powers. The four-year-old needs to be given time to settle during a race and then to be brought with a late run. These tactics were executed to perfection by the 21-year-old Declan Gillespie who was riding his first winner for the Arundel stable since the apprentice's indentures were transferred from Paddy Prendergast to Dunlop.

Super Splash has sights firmly set on the Victoria Cup at Ascot on April 30 and the colt, who broke a track record when scoring over five furlongs at Ostend last August, should find the seven furlongs of the Ascot race well within his compass.

Dunlop and Gillespie struck again in the Clumber Stakes when the enterprisingly ridden Major Crisis just got the better of a driving finish with Levandia. This success underlined even further the value to the trainer of the all-weather gallop laid out on wood shavings at Arundel. With the flat season still under a fortnight old Dunlop has saddled five winners in England, seven in France and three in Italy.

Another jockey to have his first success of the season was Starkey, who displayed a fine sense of timing when bringing Company Sergeant with a late flourish to touch off Tudor Flame in the dying seconds of the County Handicap Stakes. All four runners were abreast halfway through the last furlong and there was under two lengths between first and last at the line. This was also Starkey's first winner as retained jockey for Guy Harwood after the retirement of Jimmy Lindley, the stable rider last year. Harwood trained yesterday's winner for Mrs R. Francis, who owns the West Sussex stud at West Grinstead.

Starkey was also seen to advantage when taking the Little John Stakes for two-year-olds on Threshold Payment. Threshold Payment, by Current Coin out of Shevara, is a half-brother to the useful sprint handicapper, Russian Dandy, and the two-year-old showed a decided turn of foot when disposing of Tribal Delight and Fruits of Love. Toby Balding said he fancied the winner as Threshold Payment had been working well with the steeplechasers. "He is a tough little monkey", said the trainer. "I may well run him again in the Croxteth Plate at Liverpool on Thursday." I should imagine that this race represents fair form. The second and third come from stables who have already had two-year-old winners and both were fancied yesterday.

The first women's race of the season, the Brooke Bond PG Tips Teacup, went to the Irish challenger, Meadow Moss. Destino took up the running a quarter of a mile from home and was outpaced in the final 200 yards by Meadow Moss, who was stylishly ridden by Mrs Rosemary Rooney, the champion woman rider of Ireland in 1973. Meadow Moss, trained by Paddy Prendergast for Mrs Parker Poe, is a half-brother by Levmoss to Meadow Court whom Prendergast sent out to capture the Irish Derby in 1965.

Blacker in National

Philip Blacker is to ride Kilmore Boy in the Grand National on Saturday. Stephen Taylor had been booked for the race but Kilmore Boy's owner and trainer thought it would be better to put up a jockey with Grand National experience.

El Rastro presses on as lads consider stoppage

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, March 31

The first meeting of the year at Evry survived the weather and the possibility of a strike among the stable lads of Chantilly, who had threatened to prevent horseboxes from leaving the town. As expected, El Rastro gained his revenge on Afayoon for his short-head defeat in the Prix Edmond Blanc earlier this month. Although the winning margin in today's Prix de Ris-Orangis was a comfortable one length and a half, Afayoon, a son of Silver Shark, who was meeting defeat for the first time in five outings, should soon be winning another valuable prize.

Johannesburg, a stable companion of the winner, set a strong pace as far as the entrance to the straight, three furlongs from home, where he was joined by Afayoon. El Rastro was close behind and, when asked to quicken by Yves Saint-Martin, soon went in to a clear lead. Afayoon rallied in the final furlong, but El Rastro was not hard pressed to hold him. Northern Taste finished a disappointing third, five lengths behind Afayoon.

El Rastro, who was winning his fifth pattern race, was no expensive buy in the Allez France or Broadway Dancer mould. Although his sire and dam were American-bred and raced in the United States, El Rastro was bred by D. J. Brown in Ireland. First sold as a foal at Dublin for 950 guineas, he changed hands twice more before reaching his present owner.

Although the threat of strike action was averted today, there is still a possibility that an attempt will be made to disrupt the transport of runners for next Sunday's reopening at Longchamp. The argument mainly concerns pay and working hours, and talks will be held between trainers, the lads and the Société this week, so one hopes that all will be well.

PRIX DE RIS-ORANGIS (Group III: 4-y-o and up: £9,597: 1m)
El Rastro, b c, by Breakspear II—Raillery II (D. Wildenstein), 5-9-2 .... Y. Saint-Martin 1
Afayoon, b c, by Silver Shark—Aimee (Aga Khan), 4-9-2 R. Samani 2
Northern Taste, ch c, by Northern Dancer—Lady Victoria (Z. Yoshida), 4-9-2 .. J.-C. Desaint 3
ALSO RAN: L'Inconnu (4th), Contraband, Johannesburg.
PARI-MUTUEL: Win, El Rastro and Johannesburg coupled 1.60 francs: places, 1.10, 1.30; forecast, 2.90. A. Penna. 1½l, 5l. 1min 47.7sec.

Hockey

Festival is no laughing matter for some teams

By Sydney Friskin

The last day of the international hockey festival at Folkestone was blessed with a long spell of sunshine yesterday, but by that time the spirit of this colourful annual event was virtually destroyed by the worst weather experienced for several years. In order to save the pitches from being cut up badly the final programme was restricted.

The ground as a whole, with the neighbouring hills providing a scenic backdrop, has for some years been a sanctuary for those who find in hockey a temporary escape from the pressures of the outside world. Folkestone, more than any other festival, has been able to maintain the balance between levity and serious play.

There were, however, others who take a more serious view of the occasion such as the under-22 sides of England, Ireland, France and the Netherlands, all of whom intended to use the festival as a training ground for the coming tournament at Barcelona from May 17 to 19.

The England team, with their mission seemingly unaccomplished, left the premises on Sunday. The Irish, not having played for three days, decided to stick it out and were fortunate in having a game yesterday against the Ghosts with whom they drew 1—1 in a patchy game. Ghosts led 1—0 at half time in consequence of a goal by Nurse after which the Irish drew level through a disputed penalty stroke converted by Walker.

Lancashire Witches, one of the more popular festival sides, were involved in a 2—2 draw with Royal Leopold, of Belgium, shorn of much of the talent they had last year. The Belgians led 2—1 at half time. Witches' goals came from Jackson and Brown and they might well have won the game if Roberts had not failed towards the end with a penalty stroke.

Havant, winners of the first champion of the leagues tournament held last September, who do not usually play for laughs, beat Oxford University Occasionals 3—1. Harper, Anderson and Patel scored for Havant and Draper for Oxford. A goal in the second half by Alistair McGinn enabled Slough to beat the somewhat vociferous Futbol Club, of Barcelona, one of whose players broke a stick trying to stop a hit by Parris.

In consequence of the pitches cutting up, the later matches were cut to 25 minutes each way. But one of the more significant games in this period was the one in which Bedfordshire Eagles, playing with much zeal, defeated Cheetahs by 4—0. Eagles are to meet Southgate in the semi-final round of the national club championship. This match has been fixed for April 20. Trojans, who have always done well at Folkestone, beat St Albans 2—1.

RESULTS: Futbol Club, Barcelona 0, Slough 1; Ghosts 1, Shamrocks 1; Oxford University Occasionals 1, Havant 3; Eastbourne 1, Llamas 2; Lancashire Witches 2, Royal Leopold 2; Bandits 1, Schwarz-Weiss 2; Trojans 2, St Albans 1; Radley Gellsons 1, Hayes 1; Cheetahs 0, Bedfordshire Eagles 4; Edinburgh University 6, Lloyds Bank 1; Guy's Hospital 0, Crostyx 4; Sparrows 0, Leicester Westleigh 3.

Results at other festivals

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Brean 1, Finchfield 0; Dragons 0, Old Bristolians 5; Druids 1, Tudors 0; Torpids 0, Lusitanians 1; Panthers 3, Knotts 0; Fisheads 0, London Polytechnic 2; Cygnets 1, Panthers 1; Elizabethans 1, E. Crickets 1; Hesperians 2, Horsham 1; Purley 4, Busbars 0; Dragons 0, Nat Westminster Bank 2; Bluehearts 0, Tudors 0; HDM 4, Torpids 0; Clodhoppers 2, Phantoms 2; Loughborough 1, Old Bristolians 2; Finchfield 1, Druids 0; Bowdon 0, Occidentals 3; Brean 0, Lusitanians 1. Lusitanians won Festival.

LOWESTOFT: Bath University 2, Derby Rams 1; Besoms 2, Norfolk Wanderers 1; Bungayans 1, Carpetbaggers 1; Bury 0, Foresters 3; Lowestoft Railway 0, Robirch 1; Norwich Crassiles 2, Southend 3; Players 2, Fellps 0, Worksop 3, Saffron Walden 3; Galleymackers 4, Royston 3; Scallywags 2, Rosarians 0; Gorleston 0, Tomahawks 1; Writtle Rabbits 0, Ratcliffians 7; Icentans 0, Tomahawks 1; Gorleston 2, Horseshoes 2; Fellps 1, Lowestoft 0; Cromer 0, Ratcliffians 2; Derby Rams 3, Lechge 2; Harleston Magpies 1, Rodents 5; Bury 4, Kestrels 2; Writtle Rabbits 1, Royston 5; Rosarians 2, Norfolk Wanderers 4.

ASTON (motorway): Atomic Monkeys 3, Camden Cloggies 2; Parrots 2, County Bumpkins 2; Stags 4, Durrants Demons 1; City Slickers 4, Olton Owls 2; Bournville Tigers 0, Southern Comforts 4; Bicester Bullocks 1, Atomic Monkeys 1; Aldridge 3, Toby Jugs 2; Wake Green 1, Sophians 1; United Brothers 2, Scavengers 1; Broxbourne Badgers 9, Hardshoulders 1; Storks 3, Harlow 1; Carnegie Braves 0, Pussdogs 5; Agriholics 4, Puritans 2; Roebucks 3, Smugglers 3; Clevelanders 0, International Tigers 1; Derby Lambs 1, Strands 2; Harpists 6, Shrimps 1; Royal Brothers 1, Icicles 2; Khalsas 2, Acidemicics 1; Sophians 1, Parrots 3; Olton Owls 0, Storks 12; Kingswinford 5, Ware Wolves 1; Stags 0, Royal Brothers 3; Khalsa 2, Hardshoulders 1; Derby Lambs 3, Icicles 6; International Tigers 1, Acidemicics 2; Pickwick 0, Scavengers 1. Women: Coventry Commuters 2, Clifton Concordes 8; Bicester Heifers 0, Pandas 3; Cotswold Ramblers 4, Trowel Trotters 3; Cumbrian Relvers 0, Southern Comforts 4; Acidemicics 0, Carnegie Squaws 8; Aldridge 2, Coventry Commuters 0; Cumbrian Relvers 12, Trowel Trotters 3; Olton Owls 1, Cotswold Ramblers 4. Mixed: Aldridge 0, Carnegie Tribe 2; Unicorns 3, Ware Wolves 0.

WEYMOUTH: Robins 2, Corpuscles 1; Lions 0, Adelaide 3; Vandals 2, Porcupines 0; Ghosts 0, Bedford 1; Dutch Occ 3, Westleigh W 1; Penzance 0, Barclays 2; Hangovers 0, Adders 0; Mystics 1, Adders 0; Blue Badgers 2, Dutch Occ 0; Hangovers 1, Penzance 2; Trojan Horses 2, Poachers 2; Cheetahs 0, Adelaide 3; White Mice 0, Strollers 1; Medway United 0, W Cotswold 2; Barclays 8, Cheetahs 0; Astolat 0, The Berks 0; Vikings 0, Whynots 1; Hosts 0, Bath 2; W Cotswold 0, Undesirables 3; Pilgrims 1, Strollers 1; Hosts 1, Herons 1; Bulls 2, Horn-Hamm 1; Undesirables 2, C Knaves 1; Sutlers 0, Sorcerers 2; Astolat 1, Flyers 1; Spoofers 1, Owwls 1; C Knaves 1, Bath 1; Sutlers 0. Spoofers 1, Owwls 3, Pilgrims 2; Medway United 1, Blue Badgers 1; Bulls 2, Herons 0; Ghosts 0, Vandals 1; Robins 0, Winchester 0; Mystics 0, Lions 0; The Berks 2, Horn-Hamm 1; Trojan Horses 0, Whynots 2; Flyers 0, Westleigh W 0.

WEYMOUTH (Women): Red Herrings 1, Weston 1; Drifters 0, Ipswichians 5; Badgers 2, Redwings 2; Weymouth 1, Brumagens 3; Porgels 0, Witches 0; Welsh Colleges 3, Greenshanks 3; Parkstone 0, Wolverhampton 1; Academics 0, Bluumers 1; Redland 2, Pickwick 1; Wombles 2, Newport 2; Seasiders 0, Minstrels 1; Kays 1, Wimborne 3; Red Devils 0, Guildford 2; Cheam 1, New Sarum 0; Ipswichians 2, Badgers 1; Porgels 0, Redwings 0; Red Herrings 2, Grasshoppers 2; Pickwick 0, Weymouth 3; Bluumers 2, Redland 0; Witches 1, Drifters 0; Wolverhampton 1, Welsh Colleges 0; Brumagens 1, Wombles 0; Minstrels 2, Academics 0; Wimborne 0, Cheam 1; Greenshanks 0, Seasiders 1; Guildford 3, Weston 1; Parkstone 1, Kays 1; Red Devils 0, New Sarum 0; Newport 1, Grasshoppers 1.

RAMSGATE (Women): Polytechnic 1, Redbridge 1; Canterbury 0, Wycombe Rye 3; Tykes 2, Wallington 1; Barnet 0, High Town 10; Gosberton CP 5, Ramsgate 0; Herne Bay 2, Southgate 5; Oddbods 7, Vagabonds 2; Ealing 1, York Women 6; Ealing 6, Ramsgate 2; Oddbods 0, Tykes 2; Canterbury 2, Herne Bay 1; Barnet 1, Polytechnic 2; Gosberton CP 2, Wallington 5; High Town 2, Southgate 0; Vagabonds 3, York Women 0; Tykes 0, Vagabonds 1; Wycombe Rye 2, Redbridge 2; Tykes 0, York Women 2.

WORTHING: Castiers 4, Pilgrims 0; Scorpions 2, Martlets 2; Martlets 0, Outcasts 2; Sinners 0, Pagans 0; Tulse Hill Wanderers 4, Accidentals 0; Kilana 4, Gibraltar Old Collegians 1; Chelmsford 2, Hairy Goats 0; Old Aldenhamians 2, Wizards 0; Bournville Temp 4, Hawks 3; Savernakers 3, Rickmansworth 2; Broxbourne 2, Strollers 1; Sappers 0, Stags 3; Les Chouchouteurs 6, Suffolk Swedes 1; Sokes 0, Worthing 0; Chumps 1, Dolphins 0; Hairy Goats 1, Scorpions 3.

SOUTHEND (Women): Folkestone Optimists 1, Smilers 5; Basildon 1, Towcester 1; Billericay 2, Basildon 1; Smilers 0, Bank of England 0; Folkestone 0, Colchester 2; North Walsham 0, East Grinstead 2; East Grinstead 2, Hinckley 0; Barclays Bank 0, Colchester 2; Bank of England 0, Old Westcliffians 0; Barclays Bank 0, Towcester 3; National Westminster Bank 2, Clacton 0; Thurrock 1, Old Southendians 1; Barclays Bank 0, Smilers 6; Old Southendians 1, North Walsham 0; Old Gravesendians 5, The Minstrels 0; Southend 2, Hinckley 3; Priory 0, East Grinstead 3; Bank of England 0, Westcliff 3; Colchester 5, Billericay 3; Billericay 1, Old Southendians 0; Clacton 0, Basildon 1; The Minstrels 0, Towcester 1; Southend 2, Old Gravesendians 0; National Westminster Bank 0, North Walsham 1.

TEDDINGTON: Old Thamesians 2, Possel Pies 2; Gnats B 0, Bricknell 3; Camels 1, Sponges 1; Gnats A 1, GOA 2; Abstainers 0, Hangovers 1; Haymakers 1, Angels 3; Sleepers 5, Chestnuts 1; Martlets 2, Pink Elephants 3; Derelicts 1, Strollers 4.

Cricket

Pollock stopped five short of an explosive century

Cape Town, March 31.—The South African President's XI beat the touring Derrick Robins XI by 260 runs with a day to spare in their four-day cricket match which ended at the Newlands ground here today. The Robins team could only reach 183 and 193 in reply to the President's 371 and 265 for four declared.

The South Africans, 51 for one overnight in their second innings, quickly raced to 265 this morning, thanks largely to Graeme Pollock, apart with an explosive 95 before being caught behind off Rouse.

His fourth-wicket partnership with Bestall (57 not out) added 122 runs to the President's total and lasted only 78 minutes. With the declaration the Robins team faced the tough task of scoring 454 for victory.

The visitors got off to a bad start and never recovered. They lost the wickets of Radley (18), Tolchard (12), and Close (7) for a total of 45, and even a 57 from the free-swinging Jenner and a 45 from Greig could not stop the rot.

PRESIDENT'S XI: 371 and 265 for 4 dec (G. Pollock 95, D. Bestall 57 not out). Derrick Robins's XI 183 and 1[illegible] (T. Jenner 57, Van der Bijl 5 for 44).—Reuter.

Tennis

Miss Wade's earnings up

New York, March 31.—Virginia Wade's victory on Saturday in the Philadelphia tournament, worth about £6,250, moved her into third place in earnings on the 1975 Virginia Slims tennis tour. Miss Evert, beaten by Miss Wade in the Philadelphia final, still leads with £34,000. Miss Navratilova is second with £29,900. Miss Wade third with £23,900.

The Philadelphia tournament was the last regular one of the circuit's winter-spring season. The £62,500 Virginia Slims championship finals, a round-robin competition bringing together the top 16 players on the tour based on accumulated points, open tomorrow in Los Angeles and ends on Saturday.

LEADING MONEY-WINNERS: 1, Miss C. Evert (US); 2, Miss M. Navratilova (Czechoslovakia); 3, Miss V. Wade (GB); 4, Mrs M. Court (Australia); 5, Miss E. Goolagong (Australia); 6, Mrs W. L. King (US); 7, Miss B. Stove (Netherlands); 8, Mrs F. Durr (France); 9, Miss O. Morozova (USSR); 10, Miss J. Heldman (US).—Reuter.

For the record

Cricket

GEORGETOWN: Shell Shield, Jamaica, 77—0 v Guyana (rain stopped play).

Tennis

ATLANTA: WCT tournament: Finals, M. Cox (GB) beat J. Alexander (Australia), 6—3, 7—6; V. and A. Amritraj (India) beat Cox and C. Drysdale (S Africa), 6—2, 6—3.

ORLANDO, Florida: WCT tournament, Finals: R. Laver (Australia) beat V. Gerulaitis (US), 6—4, 6—4; B. Gottfried and R. Ramirez (Mexico) beat C. Dibley and R. Ruffels (Australia), 6—4, 6—1.

MONTE CARLO: WCT tournament final: Mrs G. Chanfreau (France) beat Mrs Masthoff (W Germany), 5—6, 7—5, 6—2.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 3, Atlanta Flames 2; New York Rangers 8, Kansas City Scouts 2; Philadelphia Flyers 4, Chicago Black Hawks 1; Detroit Red Wings 8, Washington Capitals 5; Pittsburgh Penguins 4, Minnesota North Stars 1; Montreal Canadiens 2, Boston Bruins 2; Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Buffalo Sabres 4.

Athletics

CAPE TOWN: South African championships: Men: 800m: D. Malan (SA), 1min 48.6sec. 5,000m: T. Mamabola (SA), 13.56.2. 400m hurdles: 1, H. Myburgh (SA), 50.5sec; 2, W. Hartley (GB), 51.2. High jump: E. del Forno (Italy), 7ft 0½in. Pole vault: H. Van Der Walt (SA), E. Alfonso (Spain), 16:3. Hammer: K. Riehm (W Germany), 236:4. Discus: 1, J. Van Reenen (SA), 198:10; 3, W. Tancred (GB), 191:6. Women: 200m: D. Murray (GB), 23.8. 800m: S. Hadon (N Zealand), 2 9.3. Javelin: A. Koloska (W Germany), 191:5.

Rifle shooting

BISLEY: 600yds: M. C. Pullock, 75; A. St G. Tucker, 73; C. Fitzpatrick, 71. 900yds: M. J. Sullivan, 75; J. W. Lloyd, 73; W. H. A. Thompson, 72. 1,000yds: S. A. Calder, 69; W. T. Bridger, 68 (455); N. Bratscher 66 (55). Long-range aggregate: W. H. A. Thompson, 156; W. T. Bridger, 155; A. St G. Tucker, 155. Grand aggregate: A. St G. Tucker, 467; M. J. Sullivan, 465; A. Nailer, 460.

Motor racing

THRUXTON: Formula 2: 1, J. Laffite (Martini-BMW); 2, P. Tambay (March-BMW); 3, [illegible] (Martini-March-BMW); 4, H. Pescarolo (Chevron-Ford); 5, J.-P. Jabouille (Elf-BMW). Formula 3: G. Nilsson (March-Toyota). Formula Ford: I. Bates (Merlyn-Ford). Touring cars: R. Lloyd (Chevrolet Camaro). Classic cars: R. Thwaites (Elva).

Squash rackets

BOURNEMOUTH: Play-off for first place: Jokers beat Desomblers 5—2. Details: Jokers names first: S. Courtney beat W. Storey, 3—1; R. Johnson beat H. Clouran, 3—1; A. Lusty lost to J. Palmer, 1—3; P. Keenan lost to M. Percy, 1—3; A. Sulman beat W. de Souttern, 3—2. Other play-offs: Flipwalloper Fubics beat Scrubbers 3—2; Stratton Belles beat Locals 3—2; Escorts beat Northerners 3—1. Women: Courtreys Crackers beat Cotswolds Cinnilers 3—2; Teasers beat Locals 3—2. Division A: Wembley beat West Henis 5—0; Connaught beat Bournemouth SC 4—1; Kenya beat Slammerkins 3—1; Queen's Park beat Gasbers 5—0.

Cycling

OSTEND: Tour of Belgium, Second stage (119 miles): 1, F. Maertens (Belgium); 2, J. Raas (Netherlands); 3, G. Van Roosbroeck (Belgium). Overall leader: Maertens.

Warwick results

2.0 (2.2) COG BROOK MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £368: 5f)
Swanee's Dream, ch f, by My Swanee—Night of Gladness (Mrs R. Nelson), 8-11 P. Cook (evens fav) 1
Miss Kissfield, b f, by Northfields—Kiss Me (W. O'Connell), 8-11 J. Lynch (14-1) 2
Coming Closer, b or br f, by Steeple Aston—Port Erin (L. Botibol), 8-11 .... A. Cousins (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Cindors, 10-1 Muff, 20-1 Really Aglow, 25-1 Tai Girl (4th). 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 13p, 40p. B. Swift, Epsom. Hd, nk.

2.35 (2.38) LAST STRAW STAKES (Handicap: £439: 1m)
Ionicus, b m, by Ionian—Pibula (Mrs H. Nicholson), 6-7-11 R. Wernham (12-1) 1
Compensation Year, ch g, by Compensation—Precious Dipper (R. Bennett), 7-8-9 G. Baxter (10-1) 2
Ballyveloar, ch f, by Ballyciptic—Velour (G. Brunton), 4-8-4 J. Woodward (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Joe's Jet, 6-1 Loco Bueno, 13-2 Skydoza, 7-1 Last Week-End, 8-1 Always Happy, Tragacanth, 12-1 Faithful Mate, 14-1 Landlot, 16-1 Finmoss, 20-1 Fortuitous, Veepers Rose, Cheraber, Last Card (4th), Georgie Stephens, Traffic Cop, Dyaso, Spanish Star. 20 ran.
TOTE: Win, £3.21; places, 66p, 25p, 2.48, £1.31. H. Nicholson, Cheltenham. 1½l, 2l. Country Cousin did not run. Winner bought in for 560 guineas.

3.10 (3.10) EASTER MONDAY HANDICAP (£433: 2m)
Super Trojan, b g, by Super Sam—Phrygia (Miss G. Elliot), 5-9-7 M. Kettle (2-1 fav) 1
Lyford Cay, ch g, by Alcide—Sonata (Mrs E. Swainson), 11-8-11 .... R. Wernham (6-1) 2
Silver Sing, br g, by Bing II—Silver Sally (R. Cable), 8-8-13 B. Raymond (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Quarrymaster (4th), 6-1 Homefield, Historica Myth. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 24p, 24p. Cann, Cullompton. 3l, 6l.

3.45 (3.46) LEEK WOOTON STAKES (3-y-o: £425: 1m)
Garpoora, ch c, by Laser Light—Sky Green (Mrs E. Lester), 9-0 B. Raymond (5-4 fav) 1
Gold Streak, br c, by Firestreak—Golden Wedding (J. Collins), 9-0 J. Lynch (10-1) 2
Glenthorne, b c, by Tower Walk—Esker Rose (W. Swindon), 9-0 E. Eldin (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-1 Bitty Boy, 14-1 Distant Cousin, 20-1 Burglar's Hi-Lite, Magic Love, Saragusa (4th), 33-1 She Thawed, Bulkington Bill, Port Side. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 13p, 18p, 16p. R. Akehurst, Lambourn. Nk, nk.

4.15 (4.17) WARWICKSHIRE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £567: 5f)
Singing Time, b c, by Manacle—Five Minutes (Mrs G. Neal), 7-12 D. Cullen (8-1) 1
Idle Dice, gr c, by Current Coin—Solvilians (M. Taylor), 8-6 A. Cousins (12-1) 2
Penhill Point, br f, by King's Leap—Attraction (C. Hill), 8-3 J. Reid (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Shackle, 9-2 Opalenka (4th), Chigusa, Indentured, 10-1 Contingent. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 72p; places, 25p, 29p, 32p. W. Wightman, Upham. 1l, ½l.

4.45 (4.49) MARTON STAKES (3-y-o: £407: 6f)
Ocaso, br g, by Gulf Pearl—Phoedora (Miss P. Major), 8-5 A. Bond (9-2) 1
Starlit Way, ch f, by Pall Mall—Whispering Star (Mrs M. Kell), 8-8 ...... D. Cullen (5-2 fav) 2
Purple Princess, ch f, by Right Tack—Purple Queen (D. Robinson), 8-8 .. B. Raymond (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Crimson Matins, 8-1 Mr Snaps, 14-1 Grayling, 25-1 Anna Natasha, 33-1 Astor Boy, Falcon's Heir, Monsieure Edouarde, Carspoint, Fastina (4th), Katarapana, Wynsome Miss, White Emperor. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 61p; places, 18p, 17p, 19p. H. Smyth, Epsom. 3l, 6l.
DAILY DOUBLE: Super Trojan, Singing Time, £13.35. Treble: Ionicus, Garpoora, Ocaso, £263.10.

Redcar

2.0 (2.0½) JESMOND STAKES (2-y-o: £560: 5f).
Crook of Devon, b g, by Crooner—Freedom (F. Gilman), 8-11 E. Hide (5-1) 1
Blessed Buddha, br c, by So Blessed—Matterhorn (D. Smith), 8-11 P. Kelleher (4-1) 2
Gala Season, br c, by Gala Performance—January (M. Taylor), 8-11 .... T. Lappin (7-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Restless George, 8-1 Love Gold, 16-1 Mad Brain (4th), 20-1 Portrayal, Catch Me Kate. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 66p; places, 14p, 20p, 13p. M. W. Easterby, at Flaxton. 3l, 1l. Vanzetta did not run.

2.30 (2.31) MELDRON STAKES (3-y-o: £882: 1m 1f).
African Star, b f, by Tal Dewan—Karen (H. J. Joel), 8-6 S. Salmon (16-1) 1
Castaway, ch c, by Alcide—Feather Bed (R. Moller), 9-0 E. Hide (8-1) 2
Hilarious, b c, by Busted—Leap Ahead (Mrs V. Hue-Williams) 9-10 ...... P. Eddery (4-9 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 Domitor, 20-1 Alta, Sally Lime (4th), 33-1 Bill Cawgraves. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, £2.91; places, 73p, 37p. V. Elsey, at Malton. 12l, 1½l.

3.0 (3.03) NORTHERN FREE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,026: 7f).
The Sergeant, br c, by King's Troop—Sincerity (D. Faulkner), 8-1 .... E. Johnson (5-2 fav) 1
Manby, b c, by Bleep Bleep—Ardent Worker (P. Long), 8-5 E. Hide (11-4) 2
Lu's Baby, b f, by Ashford Lea—Babulias (Mrs C. Chapman), 7-8 S. Webster (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Son of Ragusa (4th), 7-1 Willie Ormond, 8-1 Mascaro, Sera Sera, 14-1 Tudor Maestro, 20-1 Evanavitch, Love in May. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 15p, 18p, 25p. E. Carr, at Thirsk. 3l, 3l.

3.30 (3.32) EASTER HANDICAP (£779: 1m).
Gracious Melody, b h, by Golden Horus—Escombe (Mrs J. Park), 5-9-7 .... P. Kelleher (4-5 fav) 1
Desperate Dan, b h, by Forlorn River—E.B.S. (H. Swarbrick), 6-8-13 ...... P. Eddery (7-2) 2
Aure-U-Lupi, ch h, by Aureole—Ulupi's Sister (Mrs A. Perrett), 6-8-6 .... B. Apter (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Salvo of Conkers (4th), 9-1 Anhydrous, 16-1 Pub Crawl. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win 19p; places, 13p, 18p. Denys Smith, at Bishop Auckland. 3l, 2l.

4.05 (4.12) FOREST HALL HANDICAP (£1,106: 1¼m 60yd)
Irish Favour, b g, by Tyrone—Sash of Honour (Lt-Col R. Taylor) 8-8-3 .. L. Charnock (2-1 fav) 1
Netherkelly, br h, by Le Levanstell—Princess Quay (J. Bigg) 5-9-9 .... T. Ives (7-2) 2
Tiny Word, b h, by Worden II—Petite Lise (Mrs E. Dixon) 6-8-3 E. Hide (9-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Revertis (4th), 8-1 Dynamic Don. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 35p; forecast, £1.05. Denys Smith, at Bishop Auckland. 3½l, ½l.

4.40 (4.47) KILLINGWORTH STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £556: 6f)
Starlight Castle, b c, by Pardao or Frankincense — Anchusa (J. Turney) 8-11 E. Johnson (3-1) 1
Bronze Mink, ch f, by Foggy Bell—Chinese Mink (Mrs D. Thompson) 8-11 D. Letherby (12-1) 2
Won Grill, br c, by Galivanter—Her Ladyship (J. Gibby) 9-0 C. Moss (9-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Song of Solomon, 4-1 Escape Route, 7-1 Takaflower, 9-1 Black Pate, 14-1 Miss Belvedere, 20-1 Jimmy-One-Row (4th). 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 17p, 47p, 19p. T. Fairhurst, at Middleham. 4l, 1l. French Master was withdrawn and did not come under starter's orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets. French Master was 6-1 at withdrawal, deduction 10p in the pound.
TOTE DOUBLE: The Sergeant, Irish Favour: £10.45. TREBLE: African Star, Gracious Melody, Starlight Castle: £95.80.

Warwick programme

2.0 AYLESFORD PLATE (£345 : 1¼m 170yds)
1 Alector (E. Darley), G. Kindersley, 4-9-7 ...... R. Edmonson
2 000000- Grist Mill (H. Melly), D. Weeden, 4-9-7 ...... J. Egan 15
3 0202- Apprehend (A. Smith), R. Turnell, 4-9-4 ...... R. Fox 5 13
9 00000- Mexlhoolra (A. Kidd), A. Stevens, 4-9-4 ...... R. Weaver 1
10 03002b- Nolodor (Mrs Thorpe), W. Marshall, 4-9-4 ...... R. Marshall 10
11 Perncio (T. Morris), R. Akehurst, 4-9-4 ...... C. Williams 5
12 004442- Sea Kestrel (Mrs Emmett), Mrs Lomax, 4-9-4 A. Launchbury 11
13 Sweet Innocence (J. Barker), A. Goodwill, 4-9-4 Miss L. Goodwill 9
14 04- Bill Hobbs (D. Molins), P. Cundell, 3-8-3 ...... E. Hide 3
16 0200- Captain Nolan (Mrs Loynd), A. Jarvis, 3-8-3 ...... — 4
20 0-0. Pedder Street (K. Hsu), B. Hills, 3-8-3 ...... W. Carson 8
21 0- Ring of Fire (Mrs McCarthy), C. Dingwall, 3-8-3 G. Baxter 14
25 000- Bomball (R. Morris), E. Morgan, 3-8-0 ...... — 7
26 00- Julie's Statement (H. Ellis), T. Taylor, 3-8-0 .. K. Butler 7
27 0- Lyndsay Lady (G. Hunter), Hunter, 3-8-0 .... P. Eddery 12
3-1 Pedder Street, 9-2 Bill Hobbs, Lyndsay Lady, 11-2 Nolodor, 8-1 Apprehend, 10-1 Sea Kestrel, 14-1 Mexlhoolra, Captain Nolan, 20-1 others.

2.30 BIDFORD STAKES (2-y-o : £367 : 5f)
4 0 Harper Lodge (T. Ivory), K. Ivory, 8-11 ...... — 7
6 0 *Nells Beauty (K. Francis), K. Payne, 8-11 ...... — 6
12 0 Amorous Lady (Mrs Jennings), N. Callaghan, 8-8 E. Eldin 4
13 Casadina (B. Cambidge), Cambidge, 8-8 ...... — 3
14 Clear Majority (F. Dellafara), W. Holden, 8-8 B. Raymond 2
15 Come My Way (C. Hill), J. Cunn, 8-8 ...... J. Reid 5 1
16 0 Damie's Girl (Mrs Swift), B. Swift, 8-8 .... K. Daniels 5 8
18 Lady Chief (J. Hardy), Hardy, 8-8 ...... C. Moss 5
6-4 Damie's Girl, 3-1 Amorous Lady, 7-2 Lady Chief, 7-1 Clear Majority, 10-1 others.

3.0 KINGSWOOD PLATE (Handicap : 3-y-o : £414 : 7f)
2 120004- Clown Prince (D) (S. Astaire), B. Swift, 8-13 .... P. Cook 7
4 04140-4 The Goldstone (D) (Mrs Pakenham), W. Wightman, 8-9 E. Hide 12
6 303101- Taw and Torridge (CD) (C. Hill), J. Cann, 8-7 .. J. Reid 5 8
7 301420- King Solomon (D) (Mrs Solomons), G. Hunter, 8-4 P. Eddery 11
8 4441- Hanger-On (R. Elwes), B. Hanbury, 8-2 C. Rodrigues 7 2
9 222021- Fighting Brave (V. Hamill), G. Harwood, 8-2 .. E. Eldin 4
10 44200- I'll Be Around (Mrs Day), B. Hills, 7-10 .... W. Carson 1
12 004410- Alcayde (C. Hague), B. Richmond, 7-8 .... S. Salmon 5 6
13 030001- Paddy's Luck (Lady Clague), C. Benstead, 7-5 D. Cullen 3
14 000- Dollwood Prince (F. Dellafara), W. Holden, 7-5 .. R. Still 5
15 000- Got Lucky (E. Johnston), H. Wragg, 7-5 .. B. Wilson 7 9
16 0400- Sleek (Mrs Wilson), A. Johnson, 7-2 ...... R. Fox 5 10
15-8 The Goldstone, 9-2 King Solomon, 6-1 I'll Be Around, 13-2 Clown Prince, 8-1 Fighting Brave, 10-1 Paddy's Luck, Taw and Torridge, 12-1 Hanger-On, 14-1 others.

3.30 COMPTON VERNEY PLATE (2-y-o maidens : £311 : 5f)
1 Ballycall (A. Stevens), Stevens, 9-0 ...... P. Waldron 3
4 Flying Footsteps (Mrs Phelps), W. Holden, 9-0 B. Raymond 6
10 2 The Headman (B. Barnett), H. Swift, 9-0 ...... P. Cook 2
11 Ifor Buyone (A. Ezzeddine), R. Hannon, 9-0 ...... F. Durr 8
13 O'Conna (B. Cambidge), Cambidge, 9-0 ...... — 7
18 Shanlogan (N. Williams), R. Edwards, 9-0 ...... P. Eddery 4
20 Tommy Traddles (H. Thompson), J. Hardy, 9-0 .. C. Moss 1
21 Tudor Monarch (C. Hill), J. Cann, 9-0 ...... A. Murray 5
1-2 The Headman, 4-1 Ifor Buyone, 8-1 Tudor Monarch, 12-1 Ballycall, Shanlogan, Tommy Traddles, 14-1 others.

4.0 COVENTRY STAKES (Handicap : £459 : 1¼m 52yds)
1 014000- Sisodan (Mrs Griggs), R. Jarvis, 8-10-0 ...... E. Eldin 7
3 10013- Charivari (J. Edmonds), R. Edwards, 5-9-6 .. I. Johnson 5
4 340024- Midsummer Lad (Mrs Davies), B. Hanbury, 4-9-4 B. Raymond 11
8 Happytown (A. Stevens), Stevens, 5-9-1 ...... — 3
10 00000-0 Daruba (E. Noy), D. Weeden, 6-8-11 ...... A. Bond 5 2
11 000110- Seaspray (D. Cox), P. Haslam, 4-8-11 .... R. Wernham 12
12 000020- Bilbury Ash (W. Sexton), I. Dudgeon, 6-8-10 .. R. Floyd 4
13 00223- Cacho Cache (Lt Porchester), I. Balding, 4-8-9 .. P. Eddery 10
14 130000- Princely Review (Sir D. Clague), C. Benstead, 5-8-8 B. Rouse 9
15 010403- Criticism (Mrs Haslam), R. Armytage, 4-8-6 .. W. Carson 6
16 0040-0 Bold Amber (Exors of late G. van der Ploeg), R. Hannon, 4-8-5 ...... F. Durr 1
19 004103- Badessa (W. Gibson), W. Wightman, 4-8-4 M. L. Thomas 8
22 10000-2 Freebourne (P. Bowker), W. Haigh, 4-8-1 .... O. Gray 5 13
4-1 Badessa, 9-2 Cacho Cache, 11-2 Midsummer Lad, 6-1 Freebourne, 8-1 Bold Amber, Criticism, 12-1 Charivari, 14-1 Sisodan, Princely Review, 16-1 others.

4.30 HASLEY STAKES (Handicap : £498 : 1m)
1 010000- Doodle Bug (C. Lees), T. Corrie, 4-9-11 ...... D. Ryan 11
5 432011- The Happy Hooker (R. Deen), P. Cundell, 4-9-2 .. P. Cook 1
8 00132-0 Ballyhickey (D) (L. Dowman), K. Ivory, 4-8-10 ...... — 5
9 000400- Supergrey (D) (R. Bennett), R. Hannon, 5-8-10 .. F. Durr 3
10 420300- Got Carter (D. Lucie-Smith), D. Weeden, 4-8-10 B. Raymond 6
11 30000-0 Tameriglow (CD) (Mrs G. Westley), T. Corbett, 4-8-9 P. Eddery 16
12 30-0 Old Man Dimplex (D) (E. Wade), W. Marshall, 8-8-8 R. Marshall 18
13 044200- Brother Somers (F. Knenn), J. Harwood, 8-8-8 K. Parker 7 4
14 020020- Spinfire (B. Townsend), T. Taylor, 4-8-6 .... K. Butler 5
16 Barmitzvah Boy (C. Gavenia), R. Smyth, 6-8-4 .. T. Cain 3 2
17 134400- Track Hero (D) (Miss Hindley), C. Benstead, 4-8-3 B. Rouse 12
18 ..-001- On Location (D) (A. Macfarlane), B. McMahon, 4-8-3 G. Sexton 19
19 004202- Happy God (M. Buzzell), A. Jarvis, 4-8-3 ...... — 14
20 034241- Modem (Mrs Edwards), W. Wightman, 4-8-2 M. L. Thomas 7
23 303040- Sovereign Palace (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 5-8-1 .. W. Carson 15
24 400002- Last Orders (D) (A. Stevens), Stevens, 6-8-1 .. R. Weaver 5 8
26 210040- Shoulder Arms (CD) (J. Bethell), Bethell, 7-7-13 K. Woodburn 7 17
27 Band Of Hope (A. Clarke), J. Edmunds, 7-7-8 .... I. Emes 7 10
29 013000- Squires Vine (C) (G. Lloyd), A. Jarvis, 5-7-7 ...... — 13
7-2 Modem, 4-1 The Happy Hooker, 8-1 Happy God, 7-1 On Location, 8-1 Barmitzvah Boy, 10-1 Ballyhickey, Tameriglow, 12-1 Track Hero, Old Man Dimplex, 14-1 others.

Warwick selections

2.0 Pedder Street. 2.30 Damie's Girl. 3.0 The Goldstone. 3.30 The Headman. 4.0 Princely Review. 4.30 Old Man Dimplex.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Amorous Lady. 3.0 Got Lucky. 4.0 Midsummer Lad.

Kempton Park results

2.0 (2.03) SCEPTRE STAKES (£1,129: 5f)
Bay Express, b c, by Polyfoto—Pal Sinna (P. Cooper), 4-9-7 L. Piggott (11-8 fav) 1
Silver God, b h, by Red God—Chip (D. Robinson), 5-9-4 J. Seagrave (4-1) 2
Wrens Hill, ch h, by Double Jump—Trotification (A. Finn), 5-9-7 B. Taylor (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-1 Algora, Kingshott (4th), The Blues, 25-1 Last Tango. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 24p, 20p. P. Nelson, at Lambourn. St hd, 2½l. 1min 9.33sec.

2.35 (2.37) JAMES LANE 2,000 GUINEAS TRIAL (£2,007: 7f)
Hillandale, b c, by Crossing the T—Queens Penny (Mrs L. d'Ambrumenil), 9-0 P. Waldron (8-1) 1
River Blue, br c, by Forlorn River—Assignation (F. Barclay), 9-0 L. Piggott (6-1) 2
Royal Manacle, b c, by Manacle—Royal Reproach (J. Ketteley), 9-0 ...... W. Carson (10-11) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Bold and Fast, 10-1 Touch of Gold, 12-1 Prospect Rainbow, 14-1 Uncle Remus, 15-1 Good News (4th). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 72p; places, 18p, 20p, 14p. D. Keith, at Winchester. 2l, 3l. 1min 39.33sec.

3.10 (3.12) CAMPBELL-GRAY HANDICAP (£2,986: 2m)
Knight Templar, br h, by King Log—Parthian Glance (P. Richards), 5-8-13 .. A. Murray (6-1 jt fav) 1
Supreme Halo, ch g, by Starry Halo—Pyrola (Miss S. Rampton), 5-8-2 .... I. Jenkinson (13-2) 2
Kambalda, b h, by Right Royal V—Opencast (Mrs M. Wyatt), 5-9-6 P. Waldron (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 jt fav Flash Imp, 7-1 Legal Tender (4th), 8-1 Night Echo, Only a Monkey, 14-1 China Bank, Ocean King, Red Reef, 16-1 Cadogan Lane, Wovoka, 25-1 Woodland Reward, 33-1 The Admiral. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 57p; places, 25p, 31p, 33p. H. Price, at Findon. 3l, 1l. 4min 2.62sec.

3.45 (3.48) KEMPTON EASTER EGG STAKES (3-y-o: £1,021: 1m)
Dominion, b c, by Derring Do—Picture Palace (Colonel P. Wright), 8-9 .. I. Johnson (6-1) 1
Town Farm, br c, by Tycoon II—Brush's Choice (D. Byrne), 9-0 C. Williams (14-1) 2
Running Scared, br c, by Arctic Sovereign — Balfrighan (A. Spence), 9-0 Ron Hutchinson (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Astonish, 3-1 Blagoslav, 7-1 Bam Bam, 10-1 Tudor Slipper (4th), 14-1 Ribramble, 16-1 Ravel, 20-1 So They Say, 25-1 Sarpedon, 33-1 Collaborator, Double Twenty, Gianlorenzo, Grand Chal, Grinling Gibbons, Princely Chief, Raf Pilot, Copper Castle, Diasca. 20 ran.
TOTE: Win, 66p; places, 32p, 34p, 84p. A Budgett, at Wantage. 12l, hd.

4.20 (4.25) SPRING STAKES (2-y-o: £881: 5f)
Rajal, ch c, by Calpurnius—Gay Life (R. Roberts), 8-9 J. Matthias (10-1) 1
Loudly, gr c, by Crooner—Quantity (R. Sangster), 9-0 W. Carson (8-1) 2
Hey Presto, b f, by Mummy's Pet—Magic Maiden (H. Joel), 9-0 G. Ramshaw (9-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 Chum Chum, 8-1 Fogoat, 9-1 Chatillon, 14-1 Golden Bird (4th), 16-1 Cloud Yellow, Cry No More. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.34; places, 33p, 22p, 21p. I. Balding, at Kingsclere. 10l, 1½l. 1min 11.87sec.

4.55 (5.1) PENTECOST HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,205: 1m 2f)
Red Sun, b c, by Aureole—Ribine II (Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk), 8-4 .... Ron Hutchinson (9-4) 1
Blustery, b c, by Busted—Esquilina (J. Baillie), 9-1 A. Murray (15-8 fav) 2
Be Faithfull, b f, by Val de Loir—Courting (P. Pritchard), 7-5 J. Gray (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Night Sky (4th), 14-1 En Suite, Gold Mark. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 19p, 22p. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. 12l, 8l. No time taken.
DAILY DOUBLE: Knight Templar, Rajal, £47.50. TREBLE: Hillandale, Dominion, Red Sun, £35.80.

Nottingham

1.45 (1.51) ROBIN HOOD STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £456: 6f)
Gulliver Lad, ch c, by Manacle—Star Silk (Mrs J. Blott) 8-6 R. Fox (10-1) 1
Taracross, b c, by Tamerlane—Harold's Cross (A. Stevens) 8-9 R. Weaver (4-1) 2
Jukebox Jury, br c, by Jukebox—Cecilia QC (Lac Cohen) 9-0 T. McKeown (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Content Hill, 7-1 Misty Music, 10-1 Haberdasher, Rare Ground, 14-1 Laucor, 16-1 Harvey Wallbanger, 20-1 Twenty One, Yamadori, Bee Em (4th), Cessy, Doubtful Lad, Golden Autumn, Pinay, Lucky Decision. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, £3.71; places, 75p, 20p, 24p. P. Bailey, at Wantage. 3l, 1l. Manzil did not run.

2.15 (2.16) BROOKE BOND CUP (£844: 1m 5f)
Meadow Moss, b c, by Levmoss—Meadow Music (Mrs Parker Poe) 4-10-1 Miss R. Rooney (4-6 fav) 1
Destino, b c, by Salvo—Villa Marina (H. Wragg) 4-9-7 Miss C. Mercer (5-1) 2
Canny Spy, b h, by Hardicanute—Espionne (Mrs G. Davison) 5-9-7 .. Miss B. Sanders (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Aztec Star (4th), 10-1 Miss Quilp, 12-1 Spirit of Ecstasy, 14-1 Deletion, Whitsuncelli, 20-1 Charmeld, Long Bowman, Toughie, Landscaper. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 13p, 18p, 46p. P. J. Prendergast, in Ireland. 1½l, 4l. Mr Midshipman did not run.

2.45 (2.46) COUNTY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £840: 1m 50yd)
Company Sergeant, br c, by Tudor Melody—Malberry (Mrs R. Francis) 9-0 .. G. Starkey (5-2) 1
Tudor Flame, b c, by Sing Sing—Slag (A. Stevens) 7-13 R. Weaver (4-1) 2
Hidden Talent, b c, by Divine Gift—Our Shadow (J. Stewart) 8-8 T. McKeown (2-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Pichal (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; forecast, 95p. G. Harwood, at Pulborough. Nk, ½l.

3.16 (3.16) VICTORIA CENTRE HANDICAP (£1,715: 6f)
Super Splash, b c, by Impressive—Grey Flood (Mrs S. Pendock) 4-8-2 .. D. Gillespie (11-10 fav) 1
Yonge St Claire, b f, by Queen's Hussar—Claridon (Dr T. Molony) 5-8-3 ...... R. Baker (14-1) 2
Fair Tactics, b h, by Tactius—Rair Renown (T. Hammond) 5-8-3 ...... R. Baker (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Cave Warrior, 11-2 Tingo, 9-1 Blastaron, 10-1 Parbleu (4th), 14-1 Habitation. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 14p, 30p, 4[illegible]p. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. ¾l, ½l.

3.50 (3.54) EASTER HANDICAP (£595: 1m 5f)
Crazy Guy, ch g, by Never Say Die—Dance Tune (G. Peter-Hoblyn), 10-7-10 ...... R. Baker (12-1) 1
Pernetzya, b f, by Nelcius—Pertinacity (G. Hunter), 4-9-3 T. McKeown (12-1) 2
Broomstick, b g, by Space King—Seven Sisters (I. Southorn), 7-7-13 .... S. Hives (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Say Something, 4-1 Spring Vision, 5-1 Privy Case (4th), 8-1 Fell Swoop, Prime Soleil, Karatina, 13-1 Her Grace, 14-1 Some Darling, Gold Hawk, 20-1 Spillers Jenny, Kelly Homes, Weather All, Crimson Carpet. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.34; places, 31p, 31p, 22p, 31p. G. Peter-Hoblyn, at Manton. 3l, sh hd.

4.25 (4.29) LITTLE JOHN STAKES (2-y-o: £376: 5f)
Threshold Payment, ch c, by Current Coin — Shevara (G. Balding), 9-0 .. J. Curant (5-1) 1
Tribal Delight, b f, by Tribal Chief—Tantau's Delight (Mrs G. Steinberg), 8-1 B. Connorton (2-1) 2
Fruits of Love, ch c, by Divine Gift—Fruit Cup (A. Jay), 9-0 F. Durr (11-10 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Fast Music (4th), 25-1 Albany Grand. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 54p; forecast, £2.99. G. Balding, at Weyhill. 3l, ½l.

5.0 (5.01) CLUMBER STAKES (3-y-o: £407: 1¼m)
Major Crisis, b c, by Queen's Hussar—Dilemma (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), 8-6 D. Gillespie (11-4) 1
Levandia, b f, by Le Levanstell—Armandia (Dr C. Vittadini), 8-8 D. Maitland (8-1) 2
High Blaze, ch c, by High Hat—Potheen (A. Ewing), 8-11 T. McKeown (5-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Ballcrest, 12-1 Corner Queen, 20-1 Chiricahua, Carols Mood (4th), St Georgina. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 17p, 21p, 13p. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. 1½l, nk.
TOTE DOUBLE: Company Sergeant, Crazy Guy, £25.40. TREBLE: Meadow Moss, Super Splash, Threshold Payment, £7.90.

Fashion

Prudence Glynn

The undercover agents

Intent as ever upon my fashion researches, I was hidden from the inquisitive gaze of Shaftesbury Avenue by a flimsy grey curtain in the shop which must have the windows most intimidating to the respectable and the stock most vital to the fashionable figure of any in London. The other customers, being mostly men, were in no need of my changing booth, and I was favoured with a leisurely listen to the attitudes of different nations to what one might best describe as intimate garments.

None of these, as it happens, came as a surprise as I wrestled to replace my fashionable layers of clothing and multiple necklaces. In the first place, none of the buyers knew what size they wanted, starting off with a cocky "38 please" then rendering down their requirements to a more realistic 36 or 34. Since as a nation we buy a huge percentage of those few items of clothing which absolutely should be tried on willy nilly over the counter (Marks and Spencer alone, I believe, have about 40 per cent of the bra and girdle market) no one should be amazed that most English women have never been properly fitted and therefore that their admirers are left making vague curving gestures in the air.

The fact that most of the customers were men did not to me indicate so much that I was in an area where relationships tend to be less than lasting as that most British women are terribly mean about paying for anything that cannot be seen by all the world. Just as we spend a fortune on colour cosmetics and are only just beginning to realize that it is worth preserving the canvas on which those colours are painted, so lots of girls who will spend £100 on a dress grudge the £2 for the bra which will make that dress look its best.

One glance into a communal changing room—one glance being all I can manage in shops where the facilities are so poor—should be enough to convince any observer where the priorities of inner and outer dressing go in this country. A new dress every week maybe, but a clean bra? Well, when? Not that the gentlemen were that generous; glamour usually lost out to price.

The third point I observed might have surprised others, but not myself. It was that women from the Continent can find all sorts of snazzy lingerie here which we associate with the naughty Parisiennes. As I sat in my research unit, a stout and handsome matron from across the Channel was selecting an Edwardian boned and frilly basque, with little yips of delight and the full interest of her escort.

We can—and do, in fact—produce the most beautiful and seductive lingerie in this country and it is a pity that more people are not aware of it, thinks Christine Long, the buyer for housecoats and young frillies at Harrods. Miss Long credits Janet Reger as the catalyst in a "revolution in houseclothes and lingerie", pointing out that when she went to her store five years ago no one would dream of having a gown in anything "but pink or blue" (there must be a sidetrack here on the effects of the English nanny on clothes, but this is not the place). Now, coffee, brown, mint green, apricot are all accepted, while the "little bit of lilac" which formed the frisky end of the blue and pink regime has vanished. Miss Long thinks that American manners have changed the approach to houseclothes — "getting away from the bedroom image, wearing them as hostess dresses—and gradually the English are seeing their way into the modern equivalent of the tea gown.

Miss Long stumps any idea that the French make better lingerie than the British. "When I go to France I find them very conservative and much less good for the young set", she says, knocking a few old British myths on the head. She thinks British lingerie is greatly underestimated, both from the appreciation of design we can do and from the attitude of the customer. Things are changing; there is still a great price consciousness, but then Miss Long can do anything from Finewear and Goug Wilcox via David Neiper, whose grey satin negligée we showed at Christmas to a firm called Charles Graham from whom she has some exclusive and really nice kimonos and wraps retailing for under £17. She is also doing a fast trade in suspender belts, rendered wearable again by both the longer skirts and a more feminine attitude of mind.



Above: Champagne coloured satin nightdress inset with delicate lace and frilled, under a matching negligée. Bordered with heavy satin and sleeves of lace, the bodice has tiny pleats. Designed by Charlotte Hilton, £350. All garments designed by Mrs Hilton are one of their kind and have been made exclusively for Liberty's lingerie department, for the centenary. All were taken from the Edwardian era and the lace is antique, found by Liberty's.





Above: Delicately made, pure silk crepe de chine underwear, enhanced with lace. Designed by Goug Wilcox exclusively for Harrods lingerie department. French knickers and bra are from a set, including pants, suspenders and half slip. Bra sizes, 32in-36in a and b fitting, £8.80. French knickers, sizes 34in-36in hip, £15. Colours peach/dark peach lace, coffee/cream lace and grey/pink lace as from May 1; all black and all white.

Centre: Pink satin camisole top and bloomers decorated with fine black lace, designed by Charlotte Hilton of Finewear. Also in the set is a half slip, £125 complete.

Finewear Lingerie is also available from Kendal Milne of Manchester and Walsh of Sheffield. Also recommended for pretty undies is Fenwicks in Bond Street, which has silky housecoats at a very modest price; Courtenays in Brook Street; Bradleys in Knightsbridge; Rose Lewis at 40 Knightsbridge; and S. Weiss at 59 Shaftesbury Avenue.

Photographs by James Wedge

One of Miss Long's protégées, Goug Wilcox, has clothes shown on the page today. Harrods takes most of the production of this independent mother and daughter firm, which opened last year to specialize in young, high quality undies. Miss Wilcox, 28, was trained at the West of England College of Art, now the Bristol Polytechnic, and worked for La Mendola in Rome and for both Hildebrand and Bernard Freres in London doing evening dresses before she decided to settle for the unseen market. Her silks are woven in Scotland, and her laces come, as they should, from Nottingham.

The other lovely morale boosters on the page were designed specially by Charlotte Hilton of Finewear for Liberty's centenary celebrations. Mrs Hilton, who declines to be specific about how long she has produced her beautiful, avant garde lingerie but does say that it is made with a love, pride and sympathy by workers who have been with her 30 years and who are likely to prove irreplacable, has switched into the Naughty Nineties at its prettiest for her Liberty things. She does not agree that English customers are sticky about paying for the charms of the unseen, feeling that discriminating women—"it depends a lot on upbringing, being taught to appreciate nice things"—will always pay for something really unusual and beautifully made.

Mrs Hilton is recognized in the business as always being a year or more in advance of trends, so, if you find her Liberty exclusives beyond your financial reach, you can be sure they will be copied at your price very quickly, and at least you will know their aristocratic provenance. For Mrs Hilton, designer and runner of a one-man-band firm, recognition and delight in what she produces are the best reward.

For me the most interesting point about both these designers work is that they are clothes which are quite obviously created to be seen. Can the English be coming round to the idea that taking off their clothes is not a mortal sin? Having felt for so long that British underwear is arranged on the principles of armour and safety rather than allure, this is a change indeed, and one which will have many saying that the country will collapse as a result. A less alarmist interpretation might be that women are getting to grips with their liberated selves; that outerwear fashion is hopelessly exploited just now; and that there is something very new and nice for a whole generation of jeans wearers in knowing that their real fashion punch is a secret between themselves and those they choose to share it.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

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Senior Lecturer in Economics and Industrial Management.

2. DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

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Appointments are normally for six years in the first instance, but shorter periods of two years will be considered.

Application forms are obtainable from the Senior Assistant Registrar, Universities of Ghana Office, 15 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0AG, to whom completed forms (7 copies) must be returned not later than 30th April, 1975.

University of Adelaide

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Applications, in duplicate, giving particulars of age and marital status, details of academic record and experience, and names and addresses of two referees, should be sent to the Registrar of the University at GPO Box 498, Adelaide, South Australia 5001.

Further information available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PF.

University of Surrey

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTIC & REGIONAL STUDIES

PROFESSOR OF RUSSIAN

Applications are invited for a Chair in Russian in the Department of Linguistic & Regional Studies. This is a newly-established chair within the Department and the person appointed will be expected to take charge of the work of the Russian Section and to play a part in the overall running of the Department. No specific field of specialism is laid down but it is emphasized that the current work of the Russian Section is concentrated on modern Russian language and on the economic, social and political institutions of the U.S.S.R.

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Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Registrar (LFG), University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH. Tel. Guildford 71281, ext. 452. Applications, in the form of a curriculum vitae, including the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent to the same address by 28 April, 1975.

University of Queensland

AUSTRALIA

LECTURER IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Postgraduate qualifications would be required, preferably to doctoral level, with specialisation in curriculum studies and/or teaching and learning of movement skills.

Generally, responsibilities would be to provide imaginative leadership in the teacher preparation area of the degree programmes and, specifically, to teach and research in the areas of curriculum studies and teaching and learning of movement skills. 1 May, 1975.

Salary: $A11,250-$A16,100 per annum.

Other benefits: Superannuation similar to FSSU, housing assistance, study leave, travelling and removal expenses.

Additional information and application forms are obtainable from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

University of Nairobi—Kenya

Applications are invited for the post of SENIOR LECTURER IN METEOROLOGY. Applicants should hold a Ph.D. degree in meteorology and have considerable lecturing and research experience in a University. Experience in Tropical Meteorology will be an advantage. The appointee will be required to undertake undergraduate and post-graduate teaching in meteorology and to spend a considerable amount of time in the supervision of post-graduate research (both at the Master's and Doctoral level). Salary scale: K£2,256 to K£3,036 p.a. (K£1 = £1.15 sterling). The British Government may supplement salary by £1,752 p.a. (sterling) for married appointee or £946 p.a. (sterling) for single appointee (normally free of all tax) and provide children's education allowances and holiday visit passages. F.S.S.U.: family passages; various allowances. Detailed applications (2 copies) including a curriculum vitae and naming 3 referees should be sent by airmail not later than 30 April 1975 to Registrar, University of Nairobi, P.O. Box 30197, Nairobi, Kenya. Applicants resident in U.K. should also send 1 copy to Inter-University Council, 90/91 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0DT. Further particulars may be obtained from either address.

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University of Ife—Nigeria

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Particulars, including information on travel and removal allowances, study leave, housing and superannuation may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

Applications close on 31 May, 1975.

University of The West Indies—Trinidad

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University of Otago

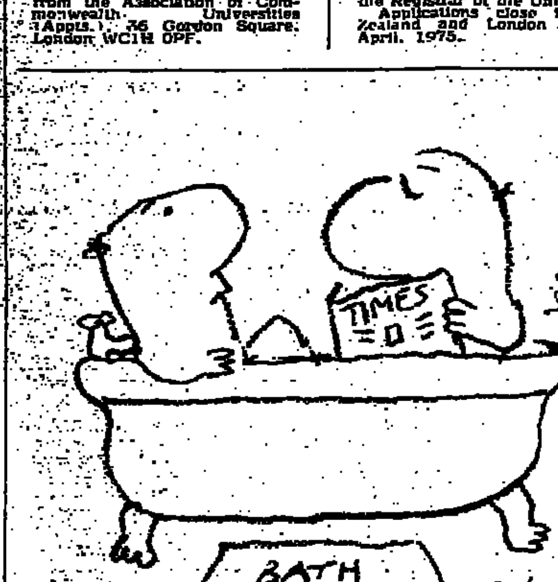
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Applications by April 14 to the Director, Voluntary Service Overseas, 14 Bishop's Bridge Road, London W2 6AA. Telephone 262 2611.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

The University of Leeds

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Applications are invited for the post of LECTURER IN EDUCATION with special reference to primary education. Interest in the teaching of the philosophy of education would be an additional recommendation.

The appointment is for two years and is within the scale £2,118-£4,896.

Forms of application and further particulars from the Registrar, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT, quoting reference 28/2/A.

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J. R. FRANCIS-SMITH, *Secretary.*

1 April 1975

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to residents of other countries with which the Netherlands have concluded tax agreements, under deduction of 15 per cent Netherlands Withholding Tax.

to residents of all other countries, less 25 per cent Netherlands Withholding Tax.

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1st April 1975

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00831 of 1975

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Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 14th day of March, 1975, presented to the said Court by Sir William Burnett & Company (Timber) Limited, whose registered office is situate at Nelson House, Sopers Road, Cuffley, Potters Bar, Herts, Timber importers, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 14th day of April, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

BRABY & WALLER, 2/3 Hind Court, Fleet Street, London EC4A 3DS. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 11th day of April, 1975.

No 00944 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of ALPINE IMPORTS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 25th day of March 1975, presented to the said Court by Head Sportgerate Ges. M.B.H. a Company incorporated according to the Laws of Austria whose registered office is at A-6921, Kennelbach bei Bregenz, Austria, dealers in Sports goods, a creditor, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 21st day of April 1975 and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

HYDE MAHON & PASCALL, 33, Ely Place, London, EC1N 6TS. Solicitors for the Petitioners.

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No. 00946 of 1975

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of RIDGE SECURITIES Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 25th day of March, 1975, presented to the said Court by Wakefield Fortune International Limited, whose registered office is at Thames House, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QW, travel agents, a creditor, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 21st day of April, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

HYDE MAHON & PASCALL, 33 Ely Place, London, EC1N 6TS. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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No. 00969 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of THORNFIELD (ST. ANN'S) Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 26th day of March 1975, presented to the said Court by The Vavasseur Trust Company Limited whose registered office is at 11-13 Crosswall, London, EC3N 2LJ, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 21st day of April 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

NORTON, ROSE, BOTTERELL & ROCHE, Kempson House, Camomile Street, London, EC3A 7AN, Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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No. 00927 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of BESTDENE PROPERTIES Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 21st day of March, 1975, presented to the said Court by H. Randell & Sons Limited whose registered office is situate at 70-72 Webbs Road, London, SW11, Building Contractors, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 14th day of April, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

MASONS, 10, Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 1BA. Solicitors for the Petitioners.

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No. 00916 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948

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SLATERS, 20 Queen Anne Street, London, W1M 0EY.

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No. 00849 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of NAGFVALE Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 17th day of March, 1975, presented to the said Court by Machinery & Civil Engineering Products Limited whose registered office is situate at 220, Uxbridge Road, London, W.12, steel stockholders, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 14th day of April, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same

HERBERT OPPENHEIMER, NATHAN & VANDYK, 20 Copthall Avenue, London Wall, London, EC2R 7JH. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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No. 00884 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of NEGTINA Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 17th day of March 1975, presented to the said Court by Messrs Pickering Kenyon (a firm of Solicitors) (hereinafter called "the Petitioner") of 23 & 24 Great James Street, London, WC1N 3EL, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 14th day of April 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

PICKERING KENYON, 23 & 24 Great James Street, London, WC1N 3EL Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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No. 00937 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of CAMPAYNE DESIGNS Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 24th day of March 1975, presented to the said Court by Scrooge Limited whose registered office is situate at 29-31 Oxford Street, London, W.1, a creditor of the above-named Company, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 21st day of April 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same

ASHLEY KALMS & CO., 56, London Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex Solicitors for the Petitioner

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No. 00875 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of SERVAIS SILENCERS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 20th day of March, 1975, presented to the said Court by E. A. Guinan, 15, Lousada Lodge, Avenue Road, London N14 4DL, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 14th day of April, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

E. A. GUINAN, 15 Lousada Lodge, Avenue Road, London N14 4DL, Petitioner.

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No. 00947 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of SHERRY COPELAND ARTISTES Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 25th day of March 1975, presented to the said Court by Religious Travel Service Limited, whose registered office is at 87, Edgware Road, Marble Arch, W2 2HX, Greater London, travel agents, a creditor, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 21st day of April 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

HYDE MAHON & PASCALL, 33, Ely Place, London, EC1N 6TS. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

OFFICIAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE SHIP'S NAMES

We, the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company of P & O Building, Leadenhall Street, London EC3, hereby give notice, that in consequence of company policy, we have applied to the Department of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894, in respect of 4 of our ships, heretofore owned by us, for permission to change their names as follows —

PRESENT NAME OF SHIP	OFFICIAL NUMBER	GROSS TONNAGE	NET TONNAGE	PROPOSED NEW NAME OF SHIP
CHAKDINA	184300	[illegible]	[illegible]	STRATHLAIRD
JELUNGA	185861	[illegible]	[illegible]	STRATHLEVEN
PATONGA	155690	10070	[illegible]	STRATHLAUDER
ELESIA	187485	[illegible]	[illegible]	STRATHLOYAL

To be registered at the Port of London in the said new names as owned by us.

Any objections to the proposed change of names must be sent to the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, Llantrisant Road, Llandaff, Cardiff, within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at London this 25th day of March 1975.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

GAMING ACT, 1968

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th February, 1975, application was made by LADBROKES LUCKY SEVEN ENTERTAINMENTS Limited whose registered office is at Ganton House, Ganton Street, London, W.1 to the Gaming Licensing Committee for the Petty Sessions area of FELIXSTOWE for the grant under the above Act of a BINGO CLUB LICENCE in respect of the premises to be known as LADBROKES LUCKY SEVEN BINGO AND SOCIAL CLUB at The Ritz Cinema, Crescent Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk.

Any person who desires to object to the grant of the said licence should send to the Clerk to the said Gaming Licensing Committee at Magistrates' Clerk's Office, Shire Hall, Woodbridge, Suffolk, before the 15 April, 1975, two copies of a brief statement in writing of the grounds of his objection.

Dated the 25th March, 1975.

STILGOES OF ORMOND HOUSE, 3 Duke of York Street, St. James's, London, S.W.1 Solicitors for and on behalf of the Applicants.

GAMING ACT 1968

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Any person who desires to object to the grant of the said licence should send to the Clerk to the said Gaming Licensing Committee at Law Courts, Edward Street, Brighton, before the 15th April, 1975, two copies of a brief statement in writing of the grounds of his objection.

Dated the 23rd March, 1975.

STILGOES OF ORMOND HOUSE, 3 Duke of York Street, St. James's, London, S.W.1 Solicitors for and on behalf of the Applicants.

THAMES WATER AUTHORITY
WATER RESOURCES ACT, 1963
WATER ACT, 1973

Notice is given to abstractors of water from inland waters (e.g. rivers, streams, etc.) within the London Excluded Area (in general that part of London which was not formerly within the Thames or Lee river authority areas, or the area of any river authority) and from the tidal Thames within the Thames Water Authority area that applications for licences (including licences of right) under the Water Resources Act, 1963, in respect of the abstraction of water, should be made to the Thames Water Authority.

Completed applications in respect of licences of right must be made not later than the 30th June, 1975.

Requests for application forms should be made to me at the address given below.

B. J. HARDCASTLE,
Divisional Manager,
Thames Conservancy Division,
Nugent House,
Vastern Road,
Reading, RG1 8DB
1st April, 1975

THE BRITISH RAILWAYS BOARD

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Bernard Levin

Time still to point a finger of contempt

Today, the murderers are among us; Mr Alexander *Shelepin* has arrived to be fawned over by Mr Len Murray on behalf of the TUC, and possibly even hobnob merrily with the shameless Mr Clive Jenkins. When *I say murderers*, I am not using the word only as a reminder of the criminal nature of the regime which Shelepin serves; I am *not even thinking of the fact* that, as a former head of the KGB, Shelepin was a murderer in the sense in which every head of that organization has been. (Indeed, in terms of numbers exterminated in the camps, he was probably less homicidal than any other *holder of the post). I mean* murderer in *exactly* the same sense as would be appropriate in describing a Mafia chief who engages a "hit-man" to kill someone who has fallen foul of the organization.

In 1959, the Soviet leaders were becoming alarmed, or at the least disturbed, by the activities abroad of Ukrainian refugees who had managed to escape from the Soviet Union and were having some success in disseminating the truth about the renewed campaign, *which had intensified in the* previous year, to crush all *remaining Ukrainian* national individuality. Two of the *leaders of the Ukrainian refugees* (has anybody else noticed *the bland way in which our* minimizers of Soviet tyranny tend to use the slightly raffish and emollient word "émigré" to describe those who have escaped from that vast prison, usually preferring to reserve the starker "refugee" for victims, of say, right-wing Chilean oppression?) were Lev Rebet and Stepan Bandera, who lived *in* West Germany. It was decided to have them killed, and the KGB "hit-man", Bogdan Stashinsky, was selected for the job. (Obviously, such a double murder, on the territory of an independent foreign state, was a project which could only have been initiated with the full personal approval of the *head of the organization*, Shelepin.)

Stashinsky travelled from Moscow to Munich and carried *out his orders; he murdered* both troublesome refugees by firing cyanide pellets in their faces. He then returned to Moscow, where he was received in public audience by Shelepin, who personally invested him with the Order of the Red Banner; the citation congratulated Stashinsky on carrying out "an important government commission", and Shelepin drew attention, in his speech, to the fact that the citation was signed by both the *Chairman* and the *Secretary of* the Praesidium.

This was not designed to be the end of Stashinsky's career. *On the contrary*, it was made clear to him that a wonderful horizon as an assassin, and as the director of a squad of other assassins, was opening out before him. (One of the first steps taken by Shelepin's KGB in grooming their new activist was to arrange for him to learn English; apparently this would be useful for the work Shelepin had *in mind for* him, which he described to *Stashinsky as "difficult but* honourable".)

There followed one of the most extraordinary and heartening stories in the entire history of tyranny. Stashinsky had fallen in love, in Germany (where he had assumed a German cover-name and identity), with a German girl called Inge Pohl, and they were married. (His employers wanted him to marry another KGB agent, but he assured them Inge was politically "reliable" and they allowed him to go ahead.) Even as a huge campaign was mounted by the KGB to keep Stashinsky a docile Communist robot and to turn Inge into another, she was chipping away at the life of lies and crime her husband was leading, and opening his eyes to the true nature of his masters and their regime. Eventually, in circumstances more like a spy-film than real life (or indeed than most spy-films) they defected to West Berlin—that is how we know the full details of the story I have recounted—and there Stashinsky confessed to the murders of Rebet and Bandera, *for* which he was tried, and was *sentenced to eight years imprisonment*. At his trial the judge *said that "the guilt of those* from whom he received his orders is far greater . . . political murder has now become institutionalised", and Stashinsky said "I wanted to unburden my conscience, and I wanted to give world-wide publicity to the way in which 'peaceful co-existence' really works in practice".

Well, for four days, we shall have an even better, or at any rate closer, demonstration of "the way in which 'peaceful co-existence' really works in practice" as the man who directed, briefed, congratulated and decorated Stashinsky for the murder of two of his victims who believed that they were beyond Shelepin's power, meets British trades unionists, headed by the poor dim thing who is their appointed leader and spokesman, *to* discuss "matters of mutual concern."

That sounds like an abrupt *non sequitur, and as a matter* of fact it is. For Shelepin's *appointment* as *head* of the Soviet "trades union" organisation had and has no more validity in terms of any institution bearing the same name in free countries than would his appointment as Chief Justice of the Soviet Supreme Court (equally likely, incidentally, as his lack of any legal qualifications is no greater than his lack of any knowledge or experience of *industry or* workers' interests, and the one job has no more to *do with* justice than the other with trades unions, both being instruments through which the total state direction of all aspects of Soviet life are achieved).



Mr Shelepin: Will there be demonstrations?

From a country where strikes are treated as crimes and strikers, if they are too numerous or too resistant to be arrested, are simply shot down, where no collective bargaining exists, where all organisations except those authorised by, and part of, the State are forbidden, where the principal task of organisations called "*unions*" *Is to enforce* labour discipline and to carry *out*—in Shelepin's *own* words—"the successful implementation of the Party's directives on the development of the national economy", and where it excites no comment (and where no comment would be permitted if it *were* excited) that the head of the secret police should be appointed to run the national "trades union" body—from such a country comes such a man, a murderer and hirer of murderers, an oppressor and *director of oppressors, a liar* and servant of liars. He comes *to Britain, where the corruption* of the trades union movement has now gone so far that he can be welcomed here, and while here treated as the opposite number of Len Murray, rather than—as would be more appropriate—the opposite number of Ronald Kray.

There will, I hope, *be continuous demonstrations* throughout the visit. I hope that the demonstrations will be peaceful and orderly, and I hope that they will be massive *and vociferous. I hope that* the task of showing Shelepin that *his nature and role* are fully understood here, and that the *impudence of his claim to* represent Soviet "trades *unions*" is likewise justly estimated, will not be left only to *organisations of refugees from* Soviet persecution or the people *who work on behalf of* those still suffering from it. I hope—*particularly since no* less important, and possibly more *so, is the task of showing* the British people the nature *and extent of the poison* that has entered the trades union body here—that the demonstrators will include many *members of* British trades unions, who will recall (I see no reason why it should not be the message on the demonstrators' banners) the words of Mr Frank Chapple, one of the best and most truly representative of all British union leaders, who said: "The only experience Shelepin has of workers is throwing them in jail".

That is indeed the case, and it is the case against permitting Shelepin to enter this *country as a trades union leader*, whatever obligations we may have to allow Soviet Government representatives here. It is now too late to prevent him entering, and has clearly been too late from the start to expect the TUC to acquire sufficient consciousness of the enormity of what they are doing to change their mind about doing it. But it is not too late to ensure that Shelepin, and any British trades union and Labour Party officials or MPs associating with him, to be met, wherever they *dare* to show their faces in public, by people determined to *express the contempt and* disgust that constitute the proper *reaction* to this visit.

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Portugal's last chance to escape dictatorship



Brigadier Vasco Goncalves leads the Marxist faction.

The hopes of democracy aroused by Portugal's military coup last year have received a severe battering since the foolish attempt at a right-wing uprising on March 11. Power is now firmly in the hands of the 28 officers on the Supreme Revolutionary Council, a significant number of whom are under the influence of the country's powerful Communist Party. In the present tense political atmosphere, which seems to recognize only the extremes of fascism or communism, advocates of moderation have to struggle to make themselves heard.

But Portugal has not yet become a total military-communist dictatorship. The experiment with democracy has received a bloody nose and two black eyes but has not been completely knocked out of the ring. There is still a chance—albeit a rapidly diminishing one—that the people who are struggling to prevent a new form of totalitarianism from being established in Portugal may be *able to hold our against the* current onslaught.

The continued presence of socialists and social democrats in the fourth provisional government, formed last week, has shown that the democratic parties can still offer some resistance against communist steamroller tactics. Although the Marxist faction in the new Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Brigadier Vasco Goncalves, has clearly increased its influence as a result of the government reshuffle, its members are still outnumbered by non-communists.

Similarly the voices of moderation in the Armed Forces Movement (MFA)—probably a majority of the movement—has not been completely suppressed despite the imprisonment of some Spinolist officers. This was demonstrated by the belated inclusion in the Supreme Revolutionary Council of four of the movement's most prominent members who had been "overlooked" when the council was set up immediately after the March 11 fracas. They include Major Melo Antunes (the new Foreign Minister), Major Vitor Alves and Admiral Vitor Crespo—all of them left-wingers but none of them communists. Although, as in the government, the radical faction in the council is most influential, the non-communists are still a force to be reckoned with.

This being said, however, the outlook for democracy in Portugal is not promising, and the elections due to take place on April 25 (the first anniversary of Portugal's revolution) are probably the country's last *chance of avoiding a new form* of dictatorship.

The elections themselves are of little significance in deciding who will wield power in Portugal. They are only designed to elect deputies to an assembly which will draw up a new constitution, the broad outlines of which are likely to have been decided in advance by the Revolutionary Council. The armed forces have already made it clear they intend to remain at the helm for at least the next three years; and judging by the Revolutionary Council's recent performance—the summary nationalizing of banks and insurance companies, banning of political parties and switching of election dates—its powers will be almost total.

The real importance of the elections lies in the moral support they will give moderates in the political parties and more particularly in the MFA if, as is widely expected, the non-communist parties sweep the board. The few (admittedly *unscientific) opinion polls that* have been carried out have *shown strong support for the* Socialist Party, the centre-left Popular Democratic Party (PPD) and the conservative Centre Social-Democratic Party (CDS), with the Communist Party and its allies in the Portuguese Democratic Movement (MDP) receiving only about 10 to 15 per cent of the votes.

The Communist Party has undoubtedly improved its position since March 11, although not sufficiently for it to register a majority except in an artificially low poll. "Most Portuguese are not communist", a leader of the PPD told me a few days ago, "and I have no doubt *that the Socialist Party and the* PPD would emerge as the two *strongest parties in freely held* elections."

But is there any chance of the elections taking place in a reasonably free atmosphere? There have already been widespread outbreaks of violence political rallies, and there certain to be more bloodshe during the three-week electio campaign which opens tomor row.

Many people may be to frightened to vote, others ma be too confused to make a cc herent choice. Also, there ar few guarantees that those vote which are cast will be fairl counted.

Pessimists among the non communist parties—and their numbers are steadily growing—fear that the elections may never be held. Either an escalation of political violence or a contrived attempt at a counter-coup similar to the one of March 11 could persuade the military to postpone them indefinitely.

Such a move, although possibly welcome to the Communist Party, would be a disaster for Portugal. *It would* mean, at the very least, that the country had *become a fully* fledged military dictatorship. Far worse, *however, it would* bring the moderates and radicals in the MFA into open conflict, which could in turn lead to civil war.

Assuming, however, that the leadership of the MFA wants the elections to go ahead as planned—and this was certainly the view expressed by President Costa Gomes when he swore in the new government last week—the main problem for the armed forces will be to maintain law and order during the campaign. At the moment Portugal is faced with a crisis of authority. Indiscipline is as rampant among the lower echelons of the armed forces as it is among the civilian population. Probably only the paratroops and the commandos can be considered reliable, whereas in COPCON, the security force *which has taken over responsibility for most police activities, officers can no longer* be confident that their men will *obey orders.*

The unwillingness of troops to act against civilian demonstrators has already been seen during recent political rallies. Left-wing parties have been recruiting among the ranks and it is not unusual to see men in uniform taking part in protest marches and demonstrations. More seriously, troops have been turning a blind eye when armed civilian vigilante patrols have appeared on the streets.

In this anarchic situation, which was probably inevitable after half a century of rigid dictatorship, the prospects for a peaceful, well regulated election campaign hardly look good.

The choice confronting the electorate *is varied*, though scarcely looks broad in political terms. *Only one of the* 12 parties contesting the elections, *the CDS, is to the right* of centre, and it has already been virtually harassed into submission by the extreme left. The remainder (apart from an eccentric monarchist party) are well to the left of the political spectrum. For example, the least doctrinaire of them, the PPD, was in favour of nationalizing the banks (although not in the way it has been done by the Revolutionary Council) while Dr Mario Soares's Socialist Party is considerably to the *left of the British Labour* Party.

Nicholas Ashford

How far will Mr Prentice go in his comprehensives crusade?

Today is the thirtieth anniversary of the 1944 Education Act becoming law—of free secondary education by right. And today Mr Reg Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, addresses the National Union of Teachers' annual conference in Blackpool.

The teachers will want to know whether Mr Prentice still holds the confidence of the Cabinet, still maintains some access to the Treasury and still receives some respect from Mr Wilson, who (according to the *Crossman diaries) nearly made* him Education Minister as *early as 1964. Since then there* has been his resignation from *the Government in 1969 and* his frequent diatribes against *hot-heads in the trade union* and socialist movements which *have earned him in recent* weeks at least two public rebuffs from Mr Wilson.

For all we know, this may be part of a pre-arranged banter in party political life in which Mr Prentice sets himself up as a stooge for Mr Wilson so the Prime minister can please his left-wingers. But we do not know, and however much many teachers might sympathize with Mr Prentice's political standpoint, they will be worried about the economic consequences for education of the Education Minister falling foul of his leader and many of his colleagues in the Cabinet.

For Mr Prentice's chief job must be to win as much from the limited national resources for education as he can. His *hand is weak. After the war,* Mr Butler pioneered the 1944 *Education Act at a time when* resources were low but the belief *in education* was high. Schools were to be part of a *national* recovery and of a fairer and more civilized society. Mr Edward Boyle and Mr Anthony Crosland presided over a grand expansion of higher education when colleges and universities flourished in the "never-had-it-so-good" era.

Now there are doubts whether 30 years of free secondary schooling and the annual pumping of *some* £4,000m into the service is *leading to a national* recovery or contributing to a more *civilized society.*

Mr Prentice has been Education Minister for just over a year. Judged on the ability to persuade the Treasury to give, he has done none too badly. His finest hour was to see the Labour Party, in the run-up to the October election, commit itself in advance to implementing the £400m recommendations of the Houghton Committee which last December awarded a much overdue average 27 per cent pay increase to teachers.

If he does not get a hero's welcome today in Blackpool for this, it is because most of the members of the National Union of Teachers are at the bottom *end of the pay scales* and received only between 16 and 20 per *cent increases.*

But since he has won *resources for teachers and to a* smaller extent for schools in *poor areas, there is a real* danger now that all Mr Pren*tice's energies will be devoted* to aggression on the moderate *political front and to carrying* out an ideological crusade tow*ards an extreme* educational one.

The circular which called on education authorities to submit *schemes for going comprehen*sive is now one year old and is *being defiantly resisted by be*tween seven and 14 out of the 104 *authorities.* Mr Prentice can use the sledgehammer of the law to force them into submission, but it will be unedifying. He can, if he has any money, refuse to give it to the recalcitrant authorities, like his predecessor Mr Crosland did for a time in 1967 in the case of Surrey. But that is not far from blackmail. The fine talk of an egalitarian society, which evoke great praise from the officers of the teachers' unions (though not by any means all their members) will now be followed by ugly deeds.

Many will sympathize with Dr G. A. Thompson, the headmaster of Wyggeston grammar school, Leicester, who said on television a week ago that he supported comprehensive education and *that with money he* could change his first rate *grammar school into a first* rate comprehensive, but Mr *Prentice believes it can be and* will be done without money.

His inept crusade against the direct grant schools will further add to the burden of education authorities, particularly in the north. He begins to remove the grant in 1976. The good, healthy, reputable, academic direct grant schools (at least 75 of them) will retire into the wilderness of independence, from whence they will be recalled as soon as the Conservatives regain office. The poorer schools, particularly many of the Roman Catholic schools in Lancashire and Cheshire, will gladly join the state, bringing their debts with them and contributing to the general hotch-potch of comprehensive school formations.

And meanwhile as the socialist ideological stampede gathers momentum, the framework of education in terms of teachers, helpers, textbooks and materials, cracks. Buckinghamshire and Leicestershire have cut back by nearly £4m and by 300 teachers each. Warwickshire has 300 classes with *more than 35 children and* could be 200 teachers short. Ealing has cut back by £4m, Richmond by £1m, and Brad*ford by between 200 and 250* teachers. These are the man*gled education corpses of* tomorrow to save which is *more important than to attempt* to crush selective schools.

Lord Butler believed that his Education Act would give *children an equal educational* opportunity whatever their background. He also believes in politics as the art of the possible. Mr Prentice believes in equal opportunity and sees it rightly in comprehensive schooling rather than in Lord Butler's tripartite secondary school system. But his rush to enforce a uniform comprehensive system is in fact wrecking his chances of getting an egalitarian school system. We shall have good comprehensives, and bad botched-up comprehensives. He needs to go slowly so that a fair system can evolve.

If by proceeding slowly there are still 15 authorities using the 11-plus examination in an *educational backwater* during the 1980s, so be it. *Better a child with an 11-plus* failure to cope with at least in a school that knows its objective, than a child in an unhappy, amorphous, split-site, botched-up unwillingly created comprehensive where neither head nor teacher knows where he is going.

Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

The man who made a fortune by ignoring Kipling's advice

"No regular education could have helped him to do what he did; and there need be little hesitation about giving the name of genius to such abnormal activity of brain as his. It is more useless now than ever to speculate whether, if he had written less and concentrated more, he would have written better. What he did write, at his best, can hold its own with the best of its rivals, because it made no attempt to be like them. It would only seem absurd to go so far as to *think* of Flaubert grunting and *sweating after the right word.*"

Thus *The Times* of February 11, 1932. But who could he be, this literary giant who if not *exactly compared with Flau*bert is at least mentioned in *the same breath? Well, he was* a newspaper seller, a soldier, a *minor poet, a war correspon*dent, an editor, an expert on *the Turf and an author with a* prodigious output and a world-wide following.

Those are clues enough to *his identity, but in the manner* of the classic whodunit we *shall reserve the denouement* until the end.

Our hero was born 100 years ago today at Greenwich. "I *was adopted at the age of nine* days," he wrote in his autobiography. "Otherwise there might have been for me a romantic upbringing in Greenwich Workhouse, or one of those institutions whither motherless and fatherless persons having no visible means of support are brought to maturity."

In fact, his father was a comedian and his mother a small-time actress who abandoned her love-child in "a little court hard by the Deptford Creek which separates the Royal town of Greenwich from the unsalubrious purlieus of Deptford".

The foundling was adopted *by George Freeman, a Billings*gate porter, and his wife, who *lived in the neighbourhood of* Deptford. The boy was known as Dick Freeman when he attended the board school in Reddins Road, Peckham, where he learnt to like poetry—a fact which, as *The Times* was later to point out, "Must have marked him out from most of his schoolfellows". It was also in his youth that he made the acquaintance of the criminal classes: both they and the poetry were to stand him in good stead.

After an education that fitted him for nothing in particular young Freeman became a newsboy, selling the *Echo* in Fleet Street outside the Press Club and never dreaming that institution was to play a large part in his life. He later worked for a lithographer and a bootseller, on a milk round and a Grimsby trawler, and as a plasterer's labourer. Finally *he enlisted in the West Kent* Regiment and was sent to *South Africa in 1896.*

In the Army the young man read a good deal and became an admirer of Rudyard *Kipling—so much so that he* wrote Kiplingesque verses *which were published in South* African papers. A poem in *The Cape Times won him the* chance to meet his literary *hero, and Kipling advised him* to try journalism, which he did *when he was discharged from* the Army.

The Boer War was a golden opportunity: he became a successful war correspondent, first for Reuters and then for the *Daily Mail.* When peace came he was appointed editor of the *Rand Daily Mail* in Johannesburg.

But his heart was in London, and he returned home to become a reporter on the *Daily Mail*, from which he was sacked after involving the Harmsworth Press in two expensive libel suits. His career in Fleet Street was one of peaks and troughs: at times he was obliged to earn his living by acting as a press agent for revues at the Hippodrome.

Kipling had given him another piece of advice—not to take up literature as a profession. *The fact that the young* man ignored this proved to be *his salvation. He had written a* number of unsuccessful short *stories, but when he turned* one of them into a novel, it made *his* name (though it made him no money, because he ruined himself by advertising it at his own expense then sold it cheaply in despair).

The Times again: "But his true career was begun; and thereafter his story becomes more and more closely confined to the number of books he could produce in a year (or, as *Punch* came later to suggest, in a day). He had a clever and fertile gift of invention, a shrewd Cockney humour, a warm heart, a simple view of life, and an extraordinary knowledge of crime and criminals.

"And good stories—all written in serviceable, unaffected, and nearly always correct English—and plays full of mystery and thrills and good fun streamed from his lips, now into dictaphones, now into the ears of 'the highest-speed typist in England'."

His fame grew rapidly. At his peak he earned £50,000 a year, and he could produce an 80,000-word novel in a weekend. He had always been interested in horse racing, and his success enabled him to enjoy the sport of kings to the full. He contributed racing columns and tips to the press, yet he could still lose £20,000 in three days at Ascot.

"The score has been reck*oned at 150 novels," The Times* said in its obituary, "and these were read by bishops and professors and Cabinet Ministers, and by errand-boys and tweeny-maids, and all grades of culture in between."

He also wrote 14 plays, and when one of them was produced in New York the press noted "a large and appreciative audience, plentifully besprinkled with notorious gunmen . . . they are reported to have enjoyed it thoroughly . . .".

That play was set in the seamy side of Chicago, and when I say that the title was *On the Spot*, the name of the author must surely come to mind. I could mention books like *Four Just Men, Sanders of the River, The Crimson Circle;* plays such as *The Green Pack* and *The Ringer*; and the stories of "Educated Evans".

The writer was chairman of the Press Club and of the British Lion Film Corporation. He also cooperated on the script of the cinema classic *King Kong*, and it was while he was *in Hollywood working on* scripts that he died of double*pneumonia on February 10,* 1932.

His name, as if you *did not* know, was Richard Horatio Edgar Wallace.

David Sinclair

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The Times Diary

Making curry and haggis from leaves

If the starving eyes in famine relief advertisements trouble you, take comfort in the work of Norman Pirie, head of the biochemistry department at the Rothamsted agricultural research station. Since the 1940s Pirie has been perfecting *machinery to convert* grass and leaves into edible protein. Last week a piece of *equipment* developed in his laboratories was flown to the Coimbatore *region* of south India, where it will be used in experiments to combat malnutrition.

The equipment can convert one ton of leaf into enough *protein to meet the needs of 300* people for a day. If the Coimbatore experiments are successful, leaf protein will be used in an *official nutrition programme* covering two million children in Madras State. Stuart Read went to Rothamsted to talk to *Pirie and to have a leaf protein* snack. He reports:

Pirie, a Scot with a dry sense of humour, dug a jar of curried lucerne protein from a deep freeze and said lightly: "It's seven years old—but it should be all right."

The protein, in small green chunks, had a crunchy texture and tasted like curried grass. It was palatable and extremely filling. One ounce of the stuff, says Pirie, is the protein equivalent of six ounces of steak. In India it will be eaten as a supplement to a low-protein cereal diet, but it is capable of greater things.

During the past 15 years Pirie has employed about a *dozen cooks to experiment with* concentrated protein. He said: "*I have had during the first* week cooks who were suicidal, *homicidal, tearful or mutinous.* During the second week of cook*ing with leaf protein they have* all become reconciled to the un*familiar material.*" So reconciled that they have produced ravioli and even haggis from the stuff.

The equipment sent to India last week separates the fibre (indigestible for human beings) from the protein in leaves and grass. It produces a green cake which can be eaten fresh, or dried and stored as a powder.

Pirie's awareness of malnutrition has not persuaded him to adopt a collection-plate mentality, nor has he become a merchant of doom. He believes that, by using present knowledge properly, the world can feed 6,000 million people. The present population is 3,800 million, of whom, Pirie estimates, 1,000 million are *suffering from malnutrition.*

"The real thing they need in *hungry parts of the world is a* better means of growing their *own food*", he said. "But those with money in the hungry countries are more interested in putting their money into, say, rubber rather than food. The money they make is not used to *improve standards of living.* It goes into Swiss bank accounts."

His research, he *hopes*, will help poor countries to help *themselves by using indigenous* resources (leaves and grass) to *produce protein. Like most* relief organizations, Pirie is *opposed to straight handouts of* food—except in cases of emergency—because he believes that aid should go towards creating an economy where no further assistance is needed.

There was an ominous pointer at the weekend for those British officials in Ulster who anxiously avoid thinking too hard about what the next political step will be after the convention elections. At the loyalist stall which traditionally sets up every Saturday in Royal Avenue, buyers of hard-line Protestant papers and sectarian ashtrays were handed a free publication to accompany their purchases—the Rhodesian Commentary, *a fortnightly propaganda sheet published by Ian Smith's government in Salisbury.*

Opening up

In pursuit of President Ford's ideal of an "open" White House, he has ordered the installation of a recorded message service there. From last weekend, people who telephone a Washington number receive details of news briefings, the President's schedule and like matters.

The voices are those of female assistants to Ron Nessen, the press secretary. On Good Friday, callers heard some unauthorized chatter. Embarrassed staff members explained it as "some of the girls fooling around".

In introducing the system, the President is following the example of *The Times* here in London. For some weeks now, when we feel like being made miserable, the staff of this newspaper have been able to call two numbers on our internal telephone system. There we hear senior executives telling us about the paper's financial position.

Empty

The subject of duplication of coverage of sports events by BBC and commercial television is one which always excites high *passions among my* readers. Reaction to my latest assault on the BBC, for turning down ITV's plan to alternate coverage of the FA Cup Final, has divided about equally between support for and opposition to my complaint.

The fiercest of my critics was Caroline Bell of Mill Hill, who abused me for being "ignorant and complacent" and made the quite appealing suggestion that this Diary could be abolished for reasons of economy, on the ground that there is a perfectly good Diary in *The Daily Telegraph.* Worth a thought.

Apart from the letter we published from Brian Cowgill, the Controller of BBC-1, I received a further communication from another of those Corporation functionaries whose jobs apparently allow them ample time for writing to *The Times.* This was Edward Rayner, who describes himself as "Chief Assistant to Head of Publicity".

Rayner wrote: "Whilst no one, of course, would question your right to express an opinion on the subject, I was not clear (*sic*) from your piece whether you had read Sir Michael Swann's reply to Lord Aylestone. I am, therefore, enclosing a copy."

Close examination of the unstamped (hand delivery?) white envelope revealed no enclosure of any kind. That seemed eloquently to symbolize the strength of the BBC's counter argument.

Vacancy

Speculation is already rife on who will succeed Sir Arthur Bliss as Master of the Queen's Music. The most obvious candidate, Benjamin Britten, is probably not well enough to be considered.

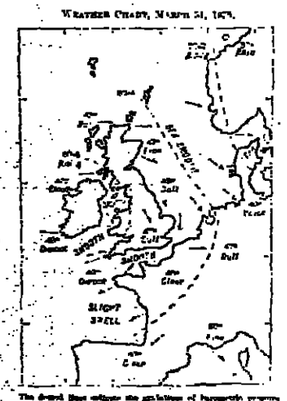
Then there are the three over-70 knights—Walton, Berkeley and Tippett. Sir William, in his Ischia fastness, hardly spins enough notes these days to want to bother himself with pieces to order, but remember he did write marches for both the last Coronations. Sir Lennox, though thought by some the most likely candidate, does not write the kind of stuff usually associated with Royal shenanigans. Sir Michael might in one of his impish moods be tempted by the challenge.

After that there is a generation jump to such as Williamson, Goehr, Rodney Bennett and Birtwistle, none a figure of quite enough weight. Maybe Peter Racine Fricker, of the in-between generation, might consider the call from his job in distant California. Or why not Elisabeth Lutyens, whom some think overdue for her DBE in any case?

Follow-up

Norman Mason, of Helsinki, the winner of my competition for *composing sentences using all* the letters in a Scrabble set, has *acknowledged his prize with* another fine effort: "A lot of thanks. A *generous prize!* I mean, it was idiotic fun *and* to be so well paid, by Jove! No huge evil tax required, *generecy*"

There is also an entertaining late entry from G. H. and C. Rossiter of Bedfordshire: "A greedy parliamentarian would wish to jump in quickly beside a constituent if food, love or sex are given at her gazebo". On that breach of privilege, I close the correspondence and leave Total Scrabble to the nation as a private pastime.



It may be a tactless time to boast about it, but today sees the 100th anniversary of the publication of the first weather map in The Times. *Here it is, and it shows that our weather has indeed declined since then, when the temperatures were in the middle and upper 40s, the seas calm and the winds of a gentlemanly moderation.*

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RIGHT WAYS IN TRANSPORT

In cancelling the third London airport and suspending the Channel tunnel the Secretary of State for the Environment has already taken two sensible steps in the transport field and is said now to be turning his attention to it more generally. It certainly needs attention. Transport is an area subject to constant and rapid social, economic and technical change, and its providers have become accustomed to new legislation at least every five years. By 1973 it was abundantly clear that something new was needed to remedy the failures of the 1968 Act and build on its successors, but with the growing political and economic uncertainty of that year nothing emerged. Instead last year we had the 1974 Railway Act, which, by bringing back open ended subsidies to the railways and leaving the rest untouched, did just about the opposite to what was needed. By now expediency has replaced policy in most aspects of transport.

In the ports there is no conceivable reason to extend nationalization except to please the militant dockers in ports already within the national scheme (those outside certainly do not want it, nor do their management and users). On the railways there is loss of direction and morale among management and disaffection among staff. Users are having to put up with rapidly rising fares at the same time as constant interruptions and unpunctuality in the services, while the taxpayer will have to meet a loss of over £400m this year. Work on the roads is governed more by the desire of politicians (particularly those at London's County Hall) to avoid trouble and expense than by a deliberate response to social, environmental and economic needs.

Clearly some of the uncertainties in transport reflect wider uncertainties that prevail, but that is no reason not to try to make a start in getting the separate but related problems back under control. The need is not for a great compendium Act but for practical improvements to the present way of doing things in each of these fields. The current issue of *Socialist Commentary* has a useful contribution to make to that end. Its transport study group (formed, incidentally, by Mr Crosland before he took office) offer not only a refreshing return to fundamentals in analysing problems ("The level and pattern of services which British Rail ought to provide depends upon demand for their services, and upon the efficiency with which scarce resources—capital and labour—employed in the provision of the services are used") but a number of solutions well worth examining. These include greater regional autonomy in transport and planning; greater local participation in the level and pattern of services through new community transport councils; new directives for British Rail more closely related to justifiable need and to improvement in productivity; and a Roads Board, possibly with some revenue raising powers, to try to introduce greater continuity and expertise into the design and construction of track for what remains the primary means of movement.

The group start to flounder when their zeal for integration and coordination in transport (a perennial Socialist dream) leads them to propose a National Transport Authority (not asset-owning but with wide responsibilities in planning investment pricing and licensing) as well as the community transport councils at one extreme and a parliamentary select committee on transport at the other. The superimposition of these three further layers on the four that already fight it out over transport policy (the Treasury, the Department of the Environment, executive bodies like British Rail, and local authorities) could well defeat its own object.

Nevertheless the objectives of greater flexibility, participation, and responsiveness in the supply of transport services are unexceptionable, and the need to modify present practices and if necessary institutional relationships is great. The vital thing, here as elsewhere, is to allow the solutions to emerge from the heart of the problems rather than be imposed by expediency or doctrine.

KENYA'S STABILITY AT RISK

The remarkable political stability which President Kenyatta has managed to superimpose on Kenya since independence is breaking up. The crisis over the unexplained murder of Mr Joseph Kariuki is only the latest in a series of crises which the aging President and his able, and mainly Kikuyu, ministers have stifled without doing much about their root causes.

The Kariuki affair is the most ominous yet. So threatening has local opinion become that Parliament has appointed a select committee to investigate the matter, a clear indication that members (all of the sole party, the Kenya African National Union) do not trust, and indeed suspect, the police whom the President ordered to "leave no stone unturned" to find the culprits. Both Parliament and public evidently suspect that the police were implicated and directed from higher up.

At Kariuki's funeral, one minister said that a mafia existed which liquidated leaders whom the establishment feared, and another talked of gangster rule. Other voices compared Kenya's scandal with Watergate. The finger of accusation could hardly point more frankly at government and even at the President's own household. No such outburst would have been conceivable a year or two ago. The deaths by assassin and misadventure of a succession of outspoken leaders are now linked in open discussion in a sinister political pattern, from the killing of the party organizer da Gama Pinto, through the deaths of Tom Mboya, Ronald Ngala and Argwings-Kodhek, and others. All were men who, though loyal to Kenyatta, were ready to criticize the Kikuyu group which has ably but profitably monopolized in large measure the key positions in cabinet and administration.

Mr Kariuki was not only the most outspoken but the most popular. Though a Kikuyu he had a larger multitribal following than Mboya, a Luo. He voiced forebodings of his fate when deprived of the sanctuary of ministerial office last November. His death followed the recent explosions in Nairobi attributed to a group of students, unemployed workers and landless peasants known as the Wananchi. Kariuki was hardly connected with these terrorists directly, but his criticisms inspired them—criticism summed up in his warning that Kenya could end as a country of ten millionaires and ten million beggars.

A vital skein in Kenya's unrest is the unsettled question of the succession. Kariuki would have been a popular contender, but not the establishment's choice. In opening themselves to growing suspicion, the group round the president is running increasing risks. Events in Ethiopia suggest that when high-handedness and corruption in office goes too far and reforms are overdue, even the most revered figures and institutions can be swept away by the impatient forces of the new Africa. The demand for reform is becoming irrestistible in Kenya as in Ethiopia, and if the problems are less in Kenya so too are the restraints. President Kenyatta is adept at cooling overhot political situations, but he is getting older as his henchmen get richer, and younger politicians can now see a future in boldly voicing the demand for change.

FAR ENOUGH ON PICKETING

It seems that there is a limit to the lengths the Government will go to placate the trade union movement. The Employment Protection Bill, published last week, resists for the second time the TUC's pressure to extend the rights of strike pickets. The Government has let fall hints that the question is not closed, and that a formula more acceptable to the TUC might be put into the Bill on its way through Parliament, or enacted later on. But after a year's hard lobbying the signs are that the unions have made as much headway against the opposition of the Home Office as they are likely to.

Several court cases in recent years have cast doubt on the extent of pickets' rights. The Broome case of 1972 drew attention to the way the advent of motor transport had affected their opportunities to exercise peaceful persuasion at the factory gate: there is not much chance of dialogue with a moving lorry. Broome, a picket in the building workers' strike, was arrested for wilful obstruction when he stood in front of a stationary lorry after having failed to persuade its driver to turn back. The case went to the Lords, where their lordships all agreed that he had broken the law, although Lord Dilhorne wondered whether pickets' rights of persuasion could be properly exercised today without some power to stop people against their will.

The TUC wants pickets to be allowed to obstruct the highway "for a reasonable period and in a reasonably non-violent manner". The Broome case itself suggests the difficulties that this would lead to: the picket had talked to the driver, but having failed, would not step aside. In practice, the police often stop vehicles to let pickets approach them, and the display of banners gives any driver some inkling of what is afoot. But to give a general right to stop drivers and harangue them would tend to inflame emotions and make it much harder for the police to keep the peace.

In fact the Bill leaves things essentially as they are. Pickets "may seek by peaceful means, falling short of obstruction of the highway, to persuade any other person (whether in a vehicle or not) to stop. . . ." This seems to guarantee no more than the most restrictive of the law lords in the Broome case would have conceded. The recent history of picketing does not suggest that strikers are unduly hampered by the present law (or indeed always very attentive to it), or that more extensive rights would go unexploited.

The picketing clause of the Bill is less significant in itself than in the fact that it is almost the only point of substance over which the TUC has failed to get its way. The rest of the Bill closely follows proposals initiated by the TUC itself. It ranges very widely, establishing many safeguards for the individual worker as against his employer, and strengthening the position of union negotiators by obliging companies to disclose information about their plans and financial position.

Most of these innovations are acceptable enough in themselves—the provisions for maternity leave, in particular, only enforce what any good employer should be doing already—but the cost of about £100m will be a heavy extra burden on industry in difficult times, and on small or ailing companies most of all. The Government's high regard for free collective bargaining seems to have faltered in the provisions enabling a statutory body, the new Central Arbitration Committee, to impose on an employer, at the instance of a union, conditions and terms of work that the committee considers to prevail in comparable fields. The effect of this must be inflationary. For the protection of the individual against his union there is no provision, although every power that accrues to the unions makes it more necessary that their internal affairs should be properly regulated, with ultimate legal sanctions.

The Government is passing into law so much of the programme of the TUC that the question of what remains for it to offer to stretch the social contract out for another year, without taking up misconceived notions like the TUC's line on picketing, becomes problematical. Many union leaders regard the account as even and will want further concessions in return for further restraint. Proposals for supervisory company boards with union representation are still far from being satisfactorily worked out. Having gone so far to gain so little in the way of restraint and industrial peace, the scope for further advance in the same direction is slight indeed.

Preserving Pylos

From Mr Robin Fedden

Sir, All those concerned for the historic sites and landscapes of Greece will have been disturbed to read in *The Times* (March 18) of an industrial group's "determination to push ahead with a 500,000-ton steelworks and a $135m shipyard project" at Pylos in the Peloponnese. The further statement that the project still enjoys planning approval happily does not accord with the facts. Though the shipyard was initially authorized by the Junta in 1974, the Minister of Culture recently intervened and the project is now being reconsidered.

Pylos, with the palace of Nestor to the north, the island of Sphacteria immortalized in the Peloponnesian War, and the sheltered bay where the victory of Navarino spelt the end of Ottoman rule, is—on grounds of history, archaeology and landscape—one of the most important sites in Greece. It would be desecration to permit here an industrial complex that will occupy no less than 350 acres.

The Greek government should be aware of the dismay felt by philhellenes, not only in this country but on the Continent. The development proposed may be economically desirable, but it should not be situated at Pylos.

Yours faithfully,
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Sir Edwin Lutyens

From Miss Mary Lutyens

Sir, I must correct an amusing statement by Lord Antrim (as reported in *The Times* on March 26) when formally accepting Castle Drogo on behalf of the National Trust. Lord Antrim described Lutyens as "the last authentic architectural genius that this country has produced; who, naturally, was not an Englishman but a Dutchman". Alas, Lutyens cannot claim Dutch descent. He was the great-grandson of Barthold Lütkens of Hamburg who changed his name to Bartholomew Lutyens when he was naturalised British in 1740.

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alternatives to prison

From Mr Nicholas Hinton

Sir, On March 21 the House of Commons held a rare but nevertheless welcome debate on the subject of alternatives to prison. Concern was expressed about the number of people held in prison and the Government was invited to develop further alternatives. Such concern and indeed such resolve has been heard before. But perhaps a combination of the present and pressing twin evils of overcrowding in prisons and the economic crisis can force action.

There is every sign that the prison population will exceed 40,000, causing terrible congestion, and that the annual cost of running prisons, excluding capital costs, will far exceed the last published figure of £90m. We have no cause for any complacency in this country, for we lock up 72 people for 100,000 of the population in England and Wales. Of neighbouring European countries only West Germany with 83 and Scotland with 94 per 100,000 exceed our figure. The Netherlands achieves a remarkable figure of 22 per 100,000.

The experimental community service by offenders scheme, initiated under the 1972 Criminal Justice Act as an additional resource for the courts, has been widely accepted, but other provisions, notably bail hostels and beds, and detoxification centres for some alcoholics, have been appallingly slow in materializing. The Commons debate rehearsed the well-known arguments against imprisonment. Not a single voice was raised to suggest that it is in any way undesirable to limit its use. So what further steps can be taken?

I would suggest two courses of action which would have a considerable and, more important, a lasting effect. The first is to make drastic cuts in the amount of time people are required to spend in prison, by giving very much shorter sentences and at the same time greatly increasing the number of persons granted parole. Holland again provides a good example. Out of nearly 13,000 prison sentences imposed in Holland in 1970, only 346 were for one year or longer, and a mere 35 for three or more years. Out of over 37,300 prison sentences imposed in 1973 in England and Wales over 11,000 were for one year or longer and 1,174 for four or more years (186 being for 10 years or more). Are there any particular and valid reasons why the English public and judiciary should consider it appropriate that so many offences should attract very much longer sentences than their Dutch counterparts?

The second step is to increase the number of offenders given probation. This, of course, means increasing considerably the resources available to the probation service. I do not believe that this is financially unrealistic so long as the necessary resources are planned and provided for in conjunction with resources needed for other much larger, and politically attractive, groups of the population. For a very considerable number of people sent to prison (possibly 35 per cent a year) and particularly recidivist prisoners, a combination of accommodation, education and employment facilities are needed. It is an expensive nonsense to provide a range of such facilities for offenders in isolation from those planned and provided for by central government departments and every local authority in the country. Offenders do require extra attention, but in the main this is the support and control which the probation service is trained for and skilled at providing.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HINTON, Director,
National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders,
125 Kennington Park Road, SE11.
March 27.

Equal pay for women

From Ms Gillian Mountain

Sir, While I applaud the concern of Roy Grantham of APEX (Equal Pay for Women, March 14), a trade union with a predominantly female membership may, I submit, achieve better pay but it won't achieve equal pay. The aim should be to disband female work ghettos and to encourage a mixed union membership.

By the same token, I do not believe that peculiar working arrangements for women are in their best interests. It is true that some employers exploit the part-time worker by paying less than an equitable proportion of the full-time salary. But where women have double responsibilities it is because their partners are unwilling to share in the housework and care of children. The special facilities proposed by Mr Grantham would reinforce domestic inequality.

The introduction of a 30-hour working week for both sexes would correct the balance, enabling women more effectively to plan their careers; and I would venture to suggest that national productivity would rise, the desk being more attractive to most women than the kitchen sink.

Yours faithfully,
GILLIAN MOUNTAIN,
Upwood House,
Hindhead,
Surrey.

Improving council houses

From Mr W. A. Cornish

Sir, While it may be sensible to use resources to maximize provision of new homes at the expense of "improvement" to our existing council houses when so many need a home, it seems inexcusable to axe schemes to connect houses to existing new sewers providing a bath and w.c. for the first time.

I represent an area on our district council which has some 70 council houses without mains sewer connexion to pipes in some cases three years buried in their gardens. Finance to "improve" these properties has been axed by the Secretary of State. The indiscriminate confusion of such basic provision with improvements of a more lavish nature falls hard upon folk helping to provide our food.

Yours faithfully,
W. A. CORNISH,
Horseheath Park,
Cambridge.

Land Bill: eliminating speculation

From Mr Douglas M. Williams

Sir, Your leader on the Land Bill, "Unworkable", is an unhappy approach to a nagging problem which has beset the nation for many years. Ebenezer Howard and his contemporaries understood it at the turn of the century. The Town and Country Planning Act of 1947, until it was emasculated, embodied a brave attempt to resolve the problem. The Land Commission Act of 1967 lost its way during formulation and could never have provided a solution. The alternative suggestions in your leader are not apposite.

When Mark Twain advised "Buy land, they ain't makin' any more of it" he was propounding the general theory that as a commodity becomes scarce, it becomes more valuable. Thus, in Britain—and other comparable countries—accelerating competing demands on our relatively slender land resources have led to spiralling values. In the expanding concentric fringe areas of urban communities values have risen inexorably over the years, and very high capital and rental values in city centres are a direct reflection of that expansion.

It does not yet seem to be widely understood that the granting of planning permission for a substantially profitable development, particularly if it is on virgin land, presages a significant contribution to our current malady—inflation. The changing ratio between the value of the land on which a dwelling stands as against the total value of the property, is sufficient testimony.

We delude ourselves if we believe that the flaccid half-measures suggested in your leader are adequate to deal with the fundamental problem.

However, it is comforting that you draw attention to the measure of agreement which exists between the political parties on the subject. It would surely be no more invidious to use the powers in the Bill to secure elimination of the speculative element in land than it would be to continue messing and manipulating with "betterment" or "development" tax, or whatever it might next be called, all of which have signally failed in the past and would be likely to do so again?

Your leader suggestion that developers should contribute to the cost of public works on their sites is no solution and leads to unconscionable delays, which Mr Dobry has diligently endeavoured to cure. But anyway, who decides what size of development qualifies for this treatment? Reputable developers are not speculators and would probably welcome a "stable" land situation.

The proposition in your leader that "Councils should be more active in land assembly in the general interests of their community" is strangely in conflict with the unjustified, scathing and ill-informed attack on them: "They have not the staff, or the funds, nor is their character such that they possess, or could acquire, the imaginarion, judgment or motives, to fit them to exclusive primary initiative in all development".

The time has come when the fundamental issues can no longer be glossed over. The nettle must be grasped and the local authorities are the logical choice to implement the Bill.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS M. WILLIAMS,
The Wheelwrights House,
Chapmanslade,
Wiltshire.
March 25.

From the Director-General of the National House-Building Council

Sir, It is disappointing that the new Land Bill proposes to share housing land "profits" between government and local authorities only, and that there is no specific provision to help the home buyer. After all, it is he, not the state, the local authority, the builder, or anyone else, who pays the money for the housing land and thus makes the "profit" possible.

This council, a non-political body, recognized under statute, is made up of nominees of consumers as well as builders, unions and the professions, building societies and local authorities. We have therefore no partisan views on the Land Bill, but we do ask that it be amended to ensure that housing land profits are used to improve housing standards or are put into a fund to promote new ways of helping lower income families to buy. In this way many people could have better houses at no extra cost or even lower cost. If this is not done, the home buyer, who formerly subsidized land owners, and more recently the Treasury, will now be subsidizing the Treasury and the local authority.

Happily the consultative document on the Bill does contain reference to help for the first-time home buyer; what is now needed is to work this into the Bill itself.

This council has consistently pressed successive governments to devise land policies which will give back home buyers some of their own money. The point may be being missed because, apart from this council, no one has spoken for the interests of the home buyer.

Yours faithfully,
A. W. TAIT, Director-General,
National House-Building Council,
58 Portland Place, W1.
March 27.

Electric cars for cities

From Mr Yehudi Menuhin

Sir, In response to the article by Jeff Daniels, technical editor of *Autocar*, entitled "Alternatives Aplenty to Diesel and Petrol" (Special Report, March 14), may I suggest that Mr Daniels's dismissive reference to the electric car implied an insensitiveness and a concern merely with perpetuating the noisome and polluting internal combustion engine by substituting alternative fuels.

It is true that the electric battery in general use is still heavy and bulky; but if he would care to read the article which recently appeared in the Journal of the Solar Energy Society, he would understand that, even at the present level of our technology, the battery car would be a practical proposition and would represent an enormous economy. Silver batteries, developed for space travel, are indeed very much smaller, lighter and more efficient, but unfortunately are still prohibitively expensive for general use at present.

Mr Daniels failed to recognize the social cost of the internal combustion engine in terms of noise and disease—nervous disorders, lead cancer and lead poisoning of the animal species even as remote at the Arctic Circle, etc. Nor did he point out that the electric engine consumes virtually no power at all when the car is not moving, in contrast to the millions of gallons consumed by petrol engines when the car is stationary or moving at six miles an hour, or less than economical speeds, in low gear in traffic.

Mr Daniels also totally failed to envisage the possibility of a traffic system whereby electric public transport would literally do away with parked cars, and together with staggered working hours and staggered weekends, would be able to cope with present requirements with perhaps only a third of the number of cars now jamming our urban streets. Moreover, this would not entail any increased amount of power required by power stations, nor would it necessarily consume more fuel. Alternative sources of energy—solar, geothermal, etc—would obviate the huge amount of fuel required for transporting fuel across sea and land.

It is sad to think that Mr Daniels has so little pride and confidence in British inventiveness, and his concern for government revenue, I find as specious an argument as that defending government income from cigarettes; and even at this suspect moral level, the saving in expenditure on National Health would offset the loss of another equally richly rewarding a source of lung cancer.

I myself am thrilled that Lucas is providing Manchester with electric bus transport, and that they have a working model of an electric taxi, a practical vehicle which should replace most urban transport within 10 years.

To prove my point, I have myself ordered from Detroit a five-passenger electric car, produced by the technology which is everywhere available. It has a top speed of 60 miles an hour and a range of a hundred miles before being recharged, either quickly in less than one hour, or normally overnight in eight hours. This car is being manufactured at the rate of 35 a day, and I hope to present it to the British and European public in May.

Yours faithfully,
YEHUDI MENUHIN,
2 The Grove,
Highgate Village, N.6.
March 25.

Trade in butterflies

From Dr D. F. Owen

Sir, The Endangered Species Bill rightly seeks to prevent and restrict the import and export of rare species of plants and animals. There is, however, a growing threat to species that are at present still reasonably common, and in no group is this threat more serious than in the butterflies.

In the past few years there has been an enormous increase in world trade in dead butterflies and it is large and showy tropical species that are most in demand by collectors and dealers. A viable trade depends on the ready availability of specimens and so it is the commoner species that are most endangered. Hundreds of back-street antique shops that a few years ago never offered butterflies for sale have joined the business, and although no reliable figures are available there seems little doubt that trade in dead butterflies is now a growth industry.

Most of the butterflies marketed in this country come from the Far East and South America, and for many years Taiwan has been the centre of the trade. A recent report (*Wildlife*, August, 1974) from Taiwan states: "When I entered the . . . workshops I was astonished at the scale of the operations. There are lines of tables at which women are seated, with up to 50 in a single labour force. They work from 8 am to 10 pm and each workshop processes about 2,000 butterflies a day. On the tables there are piles of butterflies of the more common species, 10,000 or so to the pile. The most usual process consists of detaching the wings (and) pasting them on to simulated paper bodies. . . . The actual bodies are thrown into boxes on the floor and are used as pig food."

Butterfly wings, especially the iridescent blue wings of the South American Morpho butterflies are often used in the manufacture of "butterfly jewelry". In one dealer's catalogue there is a heading "Gifts Galore" and goes on to say: "The unique iridescent blue of this South American Morpho butterfly jewelry is something which cannot be imitated. A full range can be seen in our showrooms."

Another dealer claims (in tiny print) that the specimens for sale are: "Bred in captivity, freed in jungles to preserve species. Some die in captivity and are shown here." The butterflies shown include species from Peru, Malaysia and Madagascar, and we are asked to imagine that this firm arranges regular shipments of living individuals of species that cannot be bred in this country to the localities where they occur naturally.

Conservationists around the world are apt to be complacent about the future of common species. It is easy to forget the Passenger Pigeon, a bird equally famous for its former abundance and the ruthless way it was slaughtered and brought to extinction. Unless action is taken soon to restrict the importation of dead butterflies some of the most beautiful creatures on earth will suffer the fate of the Passenger Pigeon.

Yours faithfully,
D. F. OWEN,
66 Scraptoft Lane,
Leicester.
March 22.

Issues in EEC referendum

From Lord Gladwyn

Sir, As you infer in your leading article of today (March 27), the coming referendum, though important for Europe, will also probably determine our future form of government. For:

(a) in the event of a negative vote either we shall have a "siege economy" only operable by a one party system of some kind, or Parliament will ignore it and there will be an election fought on a "people versus the élite" slogan with unpredictable, but no doubt un-parliamentary results, and

(b) in the event of a positive vote the anti-Marketeers—as Mr Powell has warned us—may not take Yes for an answer and therefore try to make our membership of the Community unworkable by industrial means, thus producing, if possible, a revolutionary situation.

The plain fact is that the left wing, or Marxist section, of the Parliamentary Labour Party, supported by many of the leaders of the unions, see their great chance in the referendum. Having defeated two constitutionally elected governments, why should they now abide—so they may well argue—by any popular or parliamentary decision of which they disapprove? It is not the merit of the anti-Market argument which has increased their numbers in the House of Commons: it is the scent of power.

True, in the last resort, they may shrink from an actual confrontation with the representatives of the majority on a purely political issue; but if—as is quite likely—they should not do so, it will be for the majority, by one means or another, to assert its authority. Otherwise our form of democracy is on the way out and a "directed" economy on the model of, say, Eastern Germany, is on the way in.

It must consequently be clear that an overwhelming Yes vote will, with luck, preclude a Marxist take-over bid. A No vote will further it very materially.

Yours faithfully,
GLADWYN,
62 Whitehall Court, SW1.
March 27.
W2.

University monopoly

From the Chairman of the Association of Polytechnic Teachers

Sir, Your first leader on March 22 (No Monopoly for Universities) may have created a false impression concerning the reason for the growing popularity of the Association of Polytechnic Teachers. It is *not* our policy that the polytechnics should increasingly approximate to the universities; indeed, the first aim of the APT is that the polytechnics should provide a distinctive means of higher education. In seeking this we are attempting to pursue the original concept of "parity of esteem", ie the distinction of the polytechnics in no way implies inferiority.

It may also be inferred from your leader that we are in favour of breaking local ties. Again, this is not so, as was made clear in our evidence to the Layfield Committee. In this, we proposed that any sort of polytechnic management committee should contain representatives of local authorities. Furthermore we argued for stronger liaison between each polytechnic and its local industry and community. The assumption that local financial control necessarily ensures strong contacts between the polytechnics and their local communities is fallacious since the local authority role is often a rather negative one of regulating expenditure.

In brief, the paragraph following the one in which the APT is mentioned provides an excellent summary of our views.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. SIMMONS, Chairman,
Association of Polytechnic Teachers,
Department of Engineering and Science,
Polytechnic of Central London,
115 New Cavendish Street, W1.

Postal charges on books

From Mr D. R. Vickers

Sir, Lady White makes a fair point in her letter (March 26) but the trouble goes deeper than that. A thriving export trade in books depends on an efficient home trade. If the latter is artificially restrained, the export side cannot prosper. Yet the cost of sending books by post within the United Kingdom is now truly daunting. The weight steps commonly used by the book trade have increased by 36, 57 and 60 per cent. Inevitably home trade will diminish and the print orders will become less and less. From this it follows that the cost of each book produced must inevitably rise, and so the trouble grows worse.

It is high time that the special position of the printed word was recognized—before too much damage to our cultural heritage is done, whether here or overseas.

Yours faithfully,
D. R. VICKERS, Director,
Association of Mail Order Publishers,
1 New Burlington Street, W1.
March 26.

Rising fast?

From Mr Hulmer Hudson

Sir, Mr Peter Davies (March 20, 1975) points out that the cost of the three additions of the last Finance Bill increased from £1.12 to £1.20 and to £1.35.

What is more important to chartered accountants like myself who have to cope with the flood of recent legislation is the increase in size. The number of pages increased from 130 to 142 and to 157. This indicates two things. The legislation was not well enough thought out initially. It is little comfort that the cost per page has gone down from .8615 per page to .8598 per page.

Yours faithfully,
HULMER HUDSON,
24-28 Moorgate, EC2.
March 21.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Show on May 19.

The Queen will visit the Shropshire and West Midland Agricultural Society's centenary show at Shrewsbury on May 21.

The Queen will present her new Colour to the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, on May 30.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a reception given by the Law Society to celebrate the society's 150th anniversary in the society's hall, Chancery Lane, on June 2.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Colonel, Grenadier Guards, will attend a remembrance service at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on May 18.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will visit the south Teesside works of the British Steel Corporation on May 14.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the Handel Opera Society's concert at the Festival Hall on June 6.

Princess Alexandra will visit Duns, Gordon and Lauder, in Berwickshire on May 6.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Vivian Wanamaker will be held at 11.30 am on Wednesday, April 9, in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, W1.

Furniture Makers' Company

The Furniture Makers' Company has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master, Brigadier A. L. W. Newth; Senior Warden, Mr J. H. Nickson; Junior Warden, Mr L. W. L. Alston.

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, March 31, 1950

The Territorials

The Territorial Army is approaching a great change which will be but a part of a revolution in the entire military system of this country. Late in the month of June the first national service men, who will then have spent eighteen months in the Regular Army, will pass into the Territorial Army for four years of compulsory part-time service.

Our part-time military force has known change before. In 1920 the old Territorial Force which had fought and largely died in the war of 1914-18 was revived and given a different status as the Territorial Army, and there began a series of amalgamations of units and conversions of units to purposes for which they were not originally raised. . . . Now there are to be adjustments again—necessary to ensure a proper balance—and again the amalgamations and conversions doubtless will be loyally accepted.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. G. A. Baxter
and Miss M. R. Le G. Vibert

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs C. F. A. Baxter, of Waterloo Farm, Motcombe, Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Mary, daughter of Senator and Mrs Ralph Vibert, of La Fontaine, St Brelade, Jersey, Channel Islands.

Dr K. D. Dawkins
and Miss B. Holm

The engagement is announced between Keith, elder son of Mr and Mrs Colin Dawkins, of Epsom, Surrey, and Bente, elder daughter of Mr Paul Holm, of Tavistock, Devon, and Mrs B. Holm, of Denham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr B. A. Marsh
and Miss S. C. Gallichan

The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Marsh, of Formby, Lancashire, and Sheila, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Gallichan, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr N. R. Scott Plummer
and Mrs L. M. Spencer

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly in France between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs G. J. Scott Plummer, of Old Village Hall, Walderton, Chichester, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. F. Carling, of Moustows, Henfield.

Mr E. I. Stafford
and Miss A. J. Rowe

The engagement is announced between Barry, son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Stafford, of Orshott, Surrey, and Alison Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Rowe, of Gidea Park, Essex.

Today's engagements

Princess Margaret visits Glasgow; as president, attends annual meeting of Scottish Children's League, City Chambers, 11.45 am; as president of Dockland Settlements, attends luncheon given by Variety Club of Great Britain, Albany Hotel, 1 pm; later attends annual meeting of Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 3 pm.

Joshua Cristall 1767-1847, exhibition of watercolours Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-5.

British Library exhibition: Darwins and Cornfords, British Museum, 10-5.

Exhibition: Prehistoric flint mines—*Grime's Graves*, British Museum, 10-5.

Wedding dress: Illustrating the development of the white wedding dress over the past 200 years, Bethnal Green Museum, Cambridge Heath Road, 10-6.

British Theatre Museum, Leighton House, Holland Park Road, 11-5.

Birthdays today

Viscount Bridgeman, 79; Dame *Cicely Courtneidge*, 82; Major-General J. R. C. Hamilton, 69; Sir Paul Hasluck, 70; Baroness Spencer-Churchill, 90; the Earl of Stradbroke, 72.

University news

Oxford

The Passmore Edwards prize has been awarded to Miss Anne D. D. Rambaut, St Anne's College.

The Queen's Election to a junior research fellowship in medicine: M. Rudliger, Wolfson College (diploma in physiology, Basle University).

Sussex

The following honorary degrees are to be awarded:

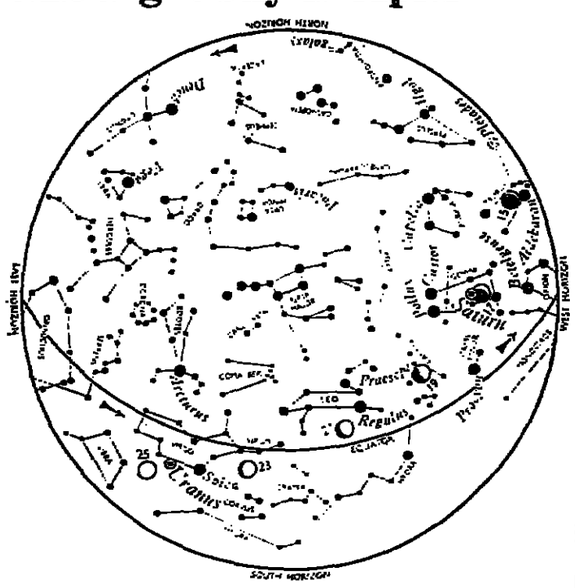
D Litt: Sir Michael Balcon, former film producer; Dame Ninette de Valois, governor of the Royal Ballet; Dr E. W. H. Briault, education officer, Inner London Education Authority; the Right Rev R. A. Reeves, formerly Bishop of Johannesburg.

DSc: Professor J. Ilewman, Professor of Engineering, Cambridge University.

Keele

A course for an MA degree in American music is to be introduced in the autumn of 1976.

The night sky in April



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23hr 11 (mn) at the beginning, 22hr (10 pm) in the middle and 21hr (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing is shown by the words around the circle, is at the bottom, the zenith being the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hr notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated

By Our Astronomical Correspondent

Mercury will be in superior conjunction on the 18th and will not be seen this month.

Venus is a bright evening object setting three to four hours after the Sun. It is now 34° from the Sun, and as the ecliptic is steeply inclined to the horizon at this time of year the planet is at the considerable altitude (for it) of 25°-30° at sunset. Moon near it on the 14th.

Mars is a morning star rising only an hour before the Sun at the beginning of the month and not very bright. It should be easier to see at the end of the month.

Jupiter is now a morning star but is unlikely to be seen before the end of the month, and even then it will rise only about an hour before the Sun.

Saturn is observable in the south-western part of the sky until well after midnight. Moon near it on the night of 17th-18th.

Uranus starts as a morning object, in Virgo, but reaches opposition on the 21st. This month its magnitude will be close on 5.7, which is only just below naked eye visibility and well within reach of binoculars. With the average x8 instrument, if the star shown near it on our map is at the edge of the field of view at 10 o'clock (ie upper left) the planet will be a small, greenish disc near or to the right of centre, less bright than the star but brighter than its immediate neighbours.

Neptune now rises before midnight. It is in Ophiuchus but just outside the limits of this month's map.

The Moon: last quarter, 3d12h; new, 11d17h; first quarter, 19d05h; full, 25d20h.

Algol will be getting very low by the time the sky is dark and the only convenient minimum is at about 21½h (10.30 pm BST) on the 7th. Mira has now run into daylight; when last seen in a dark sky by the writer, on March 7, its magnitude was about 3.0. When the final maximum is officially known it will be reported in a future note.

The notes last month were concerned with the terms morning and evening star, but owing to lack of space the final paragraph had to be omitted. Strictly speaking, only Venus and Mercury should qualify for those terms, for the superior planets, having orbits greater than ours, are not similarly confined either by direction or time.

After conjunction on the far side of the Sun (as Jupiter on March 22) they appear west of the Sun in the morning sky, but their elongation is not limited and increases up to 180°. Then they are on the opposite side of the Earth from the Sun, "in opposition" (as Uranus on the 21st), and cross the meridian at about midnight. Until that stage they claim the title of morning star.

Thereafter they cross the meridian before midnight and are regarded as evening stars, with elongation decreasing from 180° east of the Sun until they vanish into the sunset, as Saturn will be doing by the end of next month.

The winter constellations are beginning to pass away quite rapidly. Day by day those to the south move westward towards the setting Sun, reaching the same point in the sky four minutes earlier each evening. At the same time daylight is, in a sense, coming to meet them, for the Sun sets later by about two minutes a day. British Summer Time does not really make any difference, but it seems to do so. The map for last month is applicable to the early part of the night, and shows Orion nearing the horizon: in the current map, for a later hour, it has nearly set.

Those constellations are, of course, being replaced by the summer groups. In the south-east Arcturus will be quite high by late evening, and Spica is prominent lower down. The blue-white Spica is a hotter star than the orange Arcturus, though not quite as bright in our sky. In the north-east the just circumpolar Vega and Dereb are pulling away from the northern horizon, where they have been hiding in the mist for the past three months.

Science report

Pharmacology: How corticosteroid drugs work

The corticosteroid drugs are powerful anti-inflammatory agents useful in many diseases but particularly in arthritic and skin disorders. Despite their widespread use, the basis of their action in damping inflammation has remained obscure. A study reported by Professor G. P. Lewis and Dr *Priscilla J. Piper in a recent* issue of *Nature* now suggests a likely mechanism.

The basis of the study was the discovery in 1971 of the way in which aspirin and related drugs reduce inflammation. Aspirin acts by inhibiting the synthesis of fat-like substances known as prostaglandins. Since corticosteroids also have anti-inflammatory activity, it was first imagined that the corticosteroids would also work by inhibiting prostaglandin synthesis. But no such demonstration has been possible.

Professor Lewis, now head of the department of pharmacology at the Royal College of Surgeons in London, and his colleagues have been working for some time with a system in which prostaglandins have a defined role. The system uses adipose tissue, the insulating layer of fat that lies under the skin for example. When the hormone ACTH is infused into a preparation of rabbit adipose tissues two things happen. Fats are broken down and the blood vessels widen. The second of those effects is certainly mediated by prostaglandin, which are synthesized in the adipose tissue, and it can therefore be inhibited by aspirin-like drugs.

In their new study Professor Lewis and Dr Piper first demonstrated that hydrocortisone, the main natural corticosteroid, also inhibits the ACTH-promoted widening of the blood vessels in adipose tissue. At first they thought they must have found a system where hydrocortisone was inhibiting the synthesis of prostaglandins. But they soon found that hydrocortisone had no effect on the amounts of prostaglandins in the tissue after ACTH infusion. On the other hand, prostaglandin levels were greatly reduced by an aspirin-like drug, which confirms earlier reports.

If hydrocortisone was not inhibiting the synthesis of prostaglandins in the tissue, how was it mimicking the effects of aspirin on the blood vessels? One possibility that was rapidly ruled out was that corticosteroids directly inhibit the action, rather than the synthesis, of the prostaglandins. The next possibility was that the actual release of prostaglandins from the tissue was being inhibited.

To study that, Professor Lewis and Dr Piper looked at the prostaglandin content of the blood in the veins leaving the adipose tissue after various substances had been introduced through the arteries. When ACTH was infused, a prostaglandin-like substance was detected, but both hydrocortisone and a related corticosteroid were able to prevent the appearance of that prostaglandin if they were infused before the ACTH. Corticosteroids therefore inhibit the release of prostaglandins from the tissue into the blood, and so prevent the prostaglandins from reaching the sites at which they act on the blood vessels.

Professor Lewis and Dr Piper admit that their identification of the prostaglandin-like substance as a genuine prostaglandin is still tentative and it is certainly not identical with the particular one that is thought to be the direct mediator of blood-vessel widening in adipose tissue. However, it would be a cruel coincidence if the substance was not in fact a prostaglandin, just as a neat solution at the cellular level has become apparent to the problem of how corticosteroids have anti-inflammatory effects so similar to the aspirin-like drugs.

By Nature-Time News Service.

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Law Report March 26 1975 — Chancery Division

Destroyed 1951 will admitted to probate

In re Yelland, deceased: Broadbent *v Francis and Others*

Before Mr Justice Oliver

[Judgment delivered March 24]

His Lordship admitted to probate a will, made in 1951, which had been destroyed by the husband of the testatrix shortly after her death in 1952, and of which no copy or other documentary evidence was in existence, and where both the attesting witnesses were dead. His Lordship's decision was given in proceedings initiated by the husband's executrix, Mrs Priscilla Annie Broadbent, against the testatrix's daughter, Mrs Florence Francis, the latter's husband, Mr Eric Francis, and her son, Mr Melvin Francis, the defendants, seeking an order for sale of a house occupied by them, on the ground that it formed part of the estate of the testatrix's husband.

Mr Dennis G. Rice, for the plaintiff, Mrs Broadbent; Mr John M. Chadwick for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Mrs Broadbent, as sole executrix of the will of William John Yelland, who made it in 1957 and died in 1972, sought an order for sale with vacant possession of a house in Eastwood Road, Woodford, which was occupied by the testator's daughter, Mrs Francis, and her husband and son. She claimed that the house formed part of his estate and, under his will, was subject to a trust for sale, the proceeds being divisible between her and Mrs Francis.

The defence was that the property had never formed part of the testator's estate, but had belonged to his wife, Mrs Nellie Yelland, Mrs Francis's mother, who had predeceased him. There was a counterclaim to establish a will said to have been made by Mrs Yelland in August, 1951, under which the property was now held in trust for Mrs Francis and her two children—her son Melvin (the third defendant) and a married daughter, "Florrie", who was not a party to the proceedings.

It was common ground that Mrs Yelland was at her death on October 24, 1952, the sole owner both in law and in equity of the property; that Mr Yelland had obtained a grant of letters of administration to her estate on the false basis that she left no surviving children, and that Mr Yelland had assented on January 19, 1953, to the vesting of the property in himself beneficially. At the conclusion of the evidence it was accepted that Mrs Yelland did leave a paper intended to have testamentary effect, but no admissions were made that it was effective as a will or as to its contents.

For many years the house had been the home of the Yelland family, but by 1951 the only surviving children of Mr and Mrs Yelland were Mrs Francis and her brother Douglas, both of whom had married and left home. About a year before her death, Mrs Yelland visited her daughter, Mrs Francis. Mrs Yelland was ill at the time and she made Mrs Francis promise that if anything happened to her she would look after her father. She told Mrs Francis that she had made a will. After her mother's death, Mrs Francis discovered the will, written on a sheet of a cheap writing pad which was produced in evidence. Mrs Francis said that the will contained a life interest in favour of her father with remainder to Mrs Francis and her two children.

Having read the will Mrs Francis handed it to her father, who said he would take it to his solicitors. A few weeks later, however, Mrs Francis found the will again, her father not having done what he said he would. When that was drawn to his attention, Mr Yelland tore up the sheet on which the will was written, and threw it on the fire, saying "This isn't needed anymore; I've attended to it", or words to that effect. In fact, he had not attended to it, but had obtained the grant of administration on the footing that his wife had died without ancestors or surviving issue. A corrective affidavit gave the value of the house as £1,425—more than what he would be entitled as surviving spouse, since the Intestate's Estate Act, 1952, had not yet come into force. On any analysis, therefore, the vesting assent was in breach of trust.

In mid-1953, in response to pressure from her father and in fulfilment of her promise to her mother, Mrs Francis and her husband, with some misgivings, gave up their council cottage, and moved, with their children, to live with him and look after him.

The acquiescence of Mrs Francis and her husband in the destruction of the will was not so extraordinary as it might seem; her father had told her that he had attended to it, and it was not suggested that she knew of the vesting assent. When they later expressed anxiety as to what would happen if the arrangement of living together did not work, her father said that he would "see it was put right", and produced a will form which he filled in, indicating that he was leaving everything to Mrs Francis.

In 1957, when doubt had arisen in her mind as to her father's conduct, Mrs Francis consulted solicitors. She was advised that she had a case against her father, but that if she pressed it her father might go to jail for perjury.

In the event nothing further was done, and Mr and Mrs Francis continued to live with her father until his death on February 12, 1972. Mrs Broadbent obtained probate of his will, dated March 23, 1957, a will of whose existence Mrs Francis was not aware, and under which she was only given a one-fourth share. In the event, however, her brother Douglas and one of the other residuary legatees having predeceased the testator, his estate fell to be divided between Mrs Broadbent and Mrs Francis.

The initial questions were: (1) Was Mrs Yelland's will properly executed? (2) If so, what were its terms?

The evidence of attestation rested, in the first instance, on the testimony of Mrs Francis, who saw the two signatures on it—those of Miss English, who signed as "I. English", and of Mrs Hobbs, who signed merely as "Mrs Hobbs". Both had since died. There was no independent evidence to corroborate Miss English's signature, but some independent corroboration existed of Mrs Hobbs's signature, which his Lordship had admitted under the Civil Evidence Act, 1968. A neighbour, Mrs Simons, gave evidence that Mrs Hobbs had told her that she had witnessed the will: that Mrs Yelland had said to her that she was making the will so that the house would go to "Florrie and then to Freen", ie to Mrs Francis and then to her daughter. There was also the evidence of other neighbours, Mr and Mrs Cook, who likewise said that Mrs Hobbs had told them that she had witnessed the will and that the will had left the house "to the children".

A person seeking to propound a will no longer in existence necessarily faced an uphill task, the more so when no copy or contemporary record existed. However, it was clear that in an appropriate case a will could be established by parol evidence alone: see the well-known case of *Sugden v Lord St Leonards* ((1876) 1 PD 154). But the evidence of lost documents was easy to fabricate, and where such evidence was tendered years after the event it had to be approached with great caution.

Having considered *Woodward v Goulstone* ((1886) 11 App Cas 469), where Lord Herschell equated the burden of proof with that in a criminal case, *In re Wipperman, deceased* ([1955] P 59), and *Hurris v Knight* ((1890) 15 PD 170), his Lordship concluded that there was no logical reason why the accepted standard of proof in civil cases should not apply, and he adopted that standard.

In all the circumstances his Lordship was satisfied that, on a reasonable balance of probabilities, Mrs Yelland had left a will which was signed by herself and by the two attesting witnesses. The fact that Miss English had forgotten signing the will was no ground for rejecting the application of the presumption of due execution. He, therefore, concluded that Mrs Yelland had died testate, leaving a will duly executed in accordance with the Wills Act, 1837.

Apart from *Sugden v Lord St Leonards*, his Lordship had not been referred to any case in which a will had been admitted to probate where proof of its contents rested on the testimony of a single interested witness. In that case the will had been read to Miss Sugden on a number of occasions and she had discussed it with the testator. Furthermore she had taken the trouble to record what she remembered, while it was still fresh in her mind.

Here the situation was even more unusual. The evidence for the contents consisted entirely of Mrs Francis's testimony. She had read the document on one occasion only, for about five minutes, over 20 years before what was now said to be its contents were recorded for the first time, when they were written down at her dictation by her solicitor when taking instructions for the present proceedings.

His Lordship found it extremely difficult to accept that, after that period of time, Mrs Francis could possibly have recollected the exact and literal terms of the will which she saw only once and never recorded, with the precision which she now claimed. However, the fact that she might unconsciously have exaggerated the detail of what she remembered did not necessarily lead his Lordship to reject the substance of her testimony, or to hold that she was wrong as to the substance of her mother's dispositions. On the evidence his Lordship considered that the framework of a life interest to a surviving spouse with remainder to the family which she intended to benefit was one likely to have commended itself to the testatrix. His Lordship was satisfied that the terms set out in the counterclaim represented, on the balance of probabilities, the testamentary dispositions contained in the will.

His Lordship rejected objections raised on behalf of Mrs Broadbent, based on the Limitation Act, 1939, and on the defences of laches and delay. The testator was clearly a trustee of the property in possession, so far as the house was concerned, so that on no analysis could time run in his favour.

The counterclaim therefore succeeded and the court would pronounce in favour of the will as there set out.

Solicitors: Daybells; Lewis, Foskett & Co.

Court of Appeal

When wife needs capital in addition to house

O'D v O'D

Before Sir George Baker, President of the Family Division, and Lord Justice Ormrod.

[Judgment delivered March 26]

When a husband has large assets his wife should be granted a reasonable capital sum in addition to a house on the dissolution of marriage, the Court of Appeal decided when dismissing an appeal by a husband from an order of Mrs Justice Lane that a husband make a lump sum payment of £70,000 to the wife. The judge also made an order for periodical payments of £1,000 a year, from which there was no appeal.

Mr Anthony Ewbank, QC, and Mr Richard B. Mawrey for the husband: Mr John Wood, QC, and Mr J. E. Artro-Morris for the wife.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, giving the judgment of the court, said that the husband was a rich man. With the assistance of his father, a highly successful property developer, he had bought the freehold of an hotel and had extended it so that he was now the manager of a large thriving hotel of which he owned a half share. His wife had helped to build up the business by working in the hotel as a receptionist and in various other capacities.

The husband's accountant estimated the full value of his resources at £215,000 on the basis of a sale of all his assets, allowing for capital gains tax. The largest item was the half share in the hotel, £140,000 less capital gains tax of £13,000. In addition, he had minority shareholdings in four family companies which were worth £90,000 on an assets basis, although the shares could only be sold within the family.

The appeal therefore raised difficult questions on the application of the greatly extended powers of the court to adjust the property rights of spouses after the dissolution of marriage. *Wachtel v Wachtel* ([1973] Fam 73) and *Trippas v Trippas* ([1973] Fam 134) were the leading authorities.

Wachtel was the prototype of a large class of cases with which the court dealt every day. Hundreds of cases were decided by the courts or settled by negotiation on the basis of Lord Denning's judgment. But *Wachtel* was not typical of all the cases in which the court had to exercise its discretion. It was a case of two people starting their married life with little or nothing but their earning capacities and together founding a family and building up by their joint efforts such capital as they were able to save. The main capital asset was the matrimonial home, bought on a mortgage and paid for out of income. Such cases were true examples of partnership, and notions of family assets and of the wife earning her share were fully apposite.

In other cases, however, the situation was different because one or other spouse might bring into the marriage substantial capital assets or might acquire such assets during the marriage by inheritance or gift. In such cases the notion of family assets was not fully applicable, and it was necessary to look to the terms of section 25 of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973.

The present case fell somewhere in between because, although the wife had made a substantial contribution to the success of the husband's business as well as playing her full part as a wife and mother, the scale and speed of the development of the business was undoubtedly due to the capital resources made available by the husband's father.

Trippas v Trippas afforded some assistance as to the way in which courts should approach cases that did not fall within the *Wachtel* class in that it showed that, in attempting to place the parties in the position in which they would have been if the marriage had not broken down, the court could have regard to the fact that the wife would have benefited from the availability of capital to the husband and that in suitable cases it would be just and proper to make adequate capital provision for a wife after the dissolution of marriage even in a case when periodical payments were inappropriate.

In the present case it was necessary to consider the wife's position in order to ascertain her reasonable requirements, bearing in mind that she would have to provide an appropriate home and background for herself and her children. Her first requirement was a house. That had already been provided by the husband giving her £26,000 to buy one. She needed money to live on. The judge's order gave her periodical payments for herself of £1,000 a year. The next requirement was a reasonable capital sum. In such a case as the present it was probably better to treat it not so much as her share but as one of the necessary factors in the attempt to put her in the position she would have been in had the marriage continued.

The judge, in deciding on the £70,000, to include the £26,000, applied a one-third ratio to the £215,000, although she fully recognized that it was not a rule. In cases on the scale of the present one that ratio might produce results that seemed to be too high, but inflation had already altered values considerably and brought many cases into the class in which the one-third rule would not have been accepted in the past.

The figure of £70,000 was on the high side, but it was clear that the judge took the view that the hotel was likely to become an extremely profitable business in the near future, and that although the husband was a minority shareholder, his interest in the family companies was considerable and his total resources were certainly not overvalued at £215,000 net of capital gains tax.

Mr Ewbank argued that the award of such a large lump sum put the husband in the difficulty of having to borrow a large amount of money at high interest rates, and submitted that the wife's needs would be met by the provision of £30,000, to include the house and periodical payments of £3,000 a year.

Periodical payments, however, would not put the wife in the position contemplated by section 25. She needed an adequate capital sum in addition to the house. It was unlikely that the husband would have to recourse to borrowing in order to pay the lump sum. If he did so it would be of his own choice.

The order was within the judge's discretion and the appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: T. G. Baynes & Sons; Judge & Priestley.

Family Division

Kansas nullity decree recognized

Law v Gustin (formerly Law)

Before Mr Justice Bagnall

Judgment delivered March 24.

A decree of annulment of marriage granted to an English wife by the District Court of Wyandotte County, Kansas, in January, 1969, 12 months after her arrival in Kansas, was recognized and declared valid by Mr Justice Bagnall. The husband, Mr Albert W. Law, a joiner, of Irlam, Cheshire, had petitioned for the declaration.

Mr Nigel Fricker and Mr William Norris for the husband: Mr Gilbert Rodway for the Queen's Proctor as amicus curiae.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the parties had married in Cheshire on April 6, 1966, and had lived together in Newton-le-Willows, where they had met a Mr Gustin, then in the United States Air Force. Mr Gustin returned to the United States, and on December 15, 1967, the wife left home, leaving a short note which gave no indication of her destination or when she would return to the matrimonial home.

Later it was discovered that she had joined Mr Gustin in Kansas. In due course she instituted proceedings for annulment of the marriage on the ground that the husband had entered into the marriage ceremony through fraudulent conduct on his part with no intention to consummate the marriage.

Notice of the proceedings was published for three consecutive weeks in the *Wyandotte Echo*, and it was wholly unreasonable to suppose that it had come to the husband's notice.

It also appeared that the husband received on December 22, 1968, a letter from the wife's attorneys dated November 15, 1968. The time in which he could have taken procedural steps to defend himself expired on December 27, 1968. The decree of annulment was pronounced on January 2, 1969.

It had been held that *Indyka v Indyka* ([1969] 1 AC 33) had established a new ground governing the recognition of decrees, that of a real and substantial connexion with the country in which the jurisdiction was sought.

The questions for decision were whether it was now established that the wife had a real and substantial connexion with the state of Kansas when she obtained the decree, and, if so, whether the decree was obtained by a process which recognized those rules of natural justice found in any civilized system of jurisprudence. The husband had had sufficient notice of the proceedings and the decree could not be criticized on the ground that the rules of natural justice had not been observed.

His Lordship's attention had been drawn to the comparative short period of residence before the Kansas decree was pronounced. It was plain that Kansas was Mr Gustin's home state, and the wife had left her husband to follow him. Her letters had shown that she had no intention of returning to England or going anywhere else in the United States. In due course she had married Mr Gustin and settled in the state of Kansas. His Lordship was entitled to take into account the subsequent events. Each case depended upon its facts.

His Lordship was satisfied that the husband's petition for the recognition of the decree should be granted.

Solicitors: Louis Berkson & Glaze, Liverpool; Queen's Proctor.

Family company appeal for House of Lords

Inland Revenue Commissioners *v* Goodwin and Another

The Appeal Committee of the House of Lords (Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Edmund-Davies and Lord Fraser of Tullybelton) gave the Inland Revenue Commissioners leave to appeal from the Court of Appeal (*The Times*, February 4).

The Court of Appeal held, reversing Mr Justice Walton and restoring the decision of the special commissioners, that the issue and redemption of redeemable preference shares in an old established private company for the purpose of making provision for death duties in order to retain family control of the company were "bona fide commercial transactions" and that as the main object or one of the objects was not to obtain tax advantages section 25 of the Finance Act, 1969, as amended by section 27 (4) of the Finance Act, 1972, did not apply. Assessments against the taxpayers were cancelled.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR L. C. HARMER

Former Professor of French at Cambridge

Professor L. C. Harmer, Professor of French, University of Cambridge, from 1951 to 1967 and from 1944 to 1967 a Fellow of Trinity College, has died at the age of 72.

Lewis Charles Harmer was born on June 22, 1902, the son of Charles Collins Harmer and Kate Lewis. His father was a draper at Hythe, and in this atmosphere somewhat reminiscent of *The History of Mr Polly* there was little to suggest that the child would one day develop a special interest in the French language, much less occupy one of the highest posts open to him in the academic profession. His rise, however, was to be difficult, devious, and delayed. He was educated first at Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone, and then at Kent College, Canterbury, a Methodist boarding school. From 1921-25 he read English at King's College, London, graduating with second-class honours. He then took a one-year course in French, graduating, again with second-class honours, in 1926. The next four years he spent in Bordeaux, first as an assistant in a school, and then as *lecteur* at the university. While in Bordeaux he collected a *licence*, and not only acquired an enviable knowledge of French (which, at the height of his powers, he spoke with great fluency and elegance, and with an impeccable accent), but also became interested in Spanish.

In 1930, he went to Cambridge to take up a post at a correspondence school there, matriculated as a "non-collegiate" student at Fitzwilliam House, as it then was, and read for the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos, in which he gained a succession of firsts, with special distinction in Part II (1931 and 1933). While still an undergraduate at Cambridge (albeit a somewhat mature one), he collaborated with F. J. Norton (who later became Deputy Librarian at the University Library, and a leading authority on sixteenth-century books) in the production of *A Manual of Modern Spanish*, first published in 1934, and still in use today, after surprisingly little revision. In 1936, having obtained a PhD, he was appointed University Lecturer in French, in 1944 was elected Fellow of Trinity College, and in 1951 succeeded F. C. Green as Drapers' Professor. He devoted himself primarily to modern French syntax, of which he had an unrivalled knowledge, though he gave much offence to the French, at that time extremely sensitive to the international eclipse of the language, by endeavouring to demonstrate that their speech was neither particularly logical nor particularly clear. (*The French Language Today*, 1954.)

His profound knowledge of medieval French, though dissimulated by constant self-deprecation, stood him in good stead, coupled with his English studies, in his work on Caxton (1964).

In spite of the cruel stomach ailment from which he suffered for more than 20 years, Harmer managed to preserve a sense of humour and a convivial geniality which endeared him to all who met him. Not enough did so. While he was always faithful to a select if somewhat miscellaneous band of old friends, he tended to become less easy of access to those he did not know well, and his and other of his attitudes did not always benefit the running of his department. He had no liking for committees, meetings and boards, and in his later years attended them largely in a mood of gloomy resignation.

He married in 1940 a childhood friend, Nina, only daughter of Eugene Le Prevost. They had two sons and two daughters.

MR PERCY ALLISS



Mr Percy Alliss who died yesterday in a Bournemouth hospital in his seventy-ninth year, belonged to a small group of British professional golfers who were good enough to win the open championship but never did. That group included such contemporaries of his as Abe Mitchell, Charles Whitcombe and Archie Compston.

Alliss's best years were 1928 and 1929, when he twice finished fourth to Walter Hagen in the Open and 1931 when he was third to Tommy Armour at Carnoustie. Altogether he finished in the first five on seven occasions in the Open. He was not eligible to play in the early Ryder Cup matches because he did not fulfil the residential qualification, being attached to the Wannsee in Berlin, but in 1933-35-37 he scored a total of three-and-a-half points out of six matches, a performance well above the average for British players in that series.

Alliss, who was born in Sheffield on January 8, 1897, had a variety of club appointments in Wales and England, and after World War Two settled down to the life of a club professional at Ferndown, assisted by his sons Percy Junior and Peter, the latter becoming, to his father's delight, a Ryder Cup player in his turn. The father flourished at a time when there were few competitive opportunities compared with today, but he had his share of victories and while out of the country won the German Open five times and the Italian twice. In 1954 he made a brief reappearance as title contender when, having been chosen to play Gene Sarazen for the world senior championship, he lost to the American at Southport.

As a personality Alliss had the ability to charm everyone with whom he came into contact, although his agreeable nature probably deprived him of that little bit of "devil" that turns a player of championship class into a champion. At Muirfield in 1929 for example, he led a strong field which included Americans, by two strokes with a first round of 69, but failed to keep up the pressure. Of medium height and sturdily built he was a very sound and capable golfer, celebrated specially for the power and accuracy of his long irons.

LADY FURLONGE

Anne Furlonge, who died on March 28 after a long illness, was one of the most prominent British women lawn tennis players between the two world wars, first as Miss E. A. Goldsack and later as Mrs J. B. Pittman. She first achieved fame in 1925 when, on her first appearance at Wimbledon, she won from Suzanne Lenglen one of the five games which that redoubtable player lost throughout the tournament. During the next 10 years, a full social life prevented that dedication to the game which could have brought her the highest honours, but she won numerous tournaments in both Great Britain and the United States, notably the women's singles and doubles at the Bournemouth hard court championships; she also reached the final of the ladies' doubles at Wimbledon (1937) and the semi-finals of the singles at both Wimbledon (1929) and Forest Hills (1932), in both of which she lost to Helen Wills. She gave up competitive tennis in 1939, and in 1952 entered diplomatic life by marrying Mr (later Sir Geoffrey) Furlonge, whom she partnered at his successive Heads of Mission posts at Amman, Sofia, and Addis Ababa; in all these countries her exceptionally friendly and sympathetic nature brought her innumerable friends amongst the local people and diplomatic colleagues alike.

SIR H. STRICKLAND-CONSTABLE

Sir Henry Strickland-Constable, tenth baronet, died on March 26 at the age of 74. The son of Lieutenant-Colonel F. C. Strickland-Constable, he succeeded to the baronetcy on the death of his cousin in 1938.

He married in 1929 Countess Ernestine, daughter of Count Rex, sometime Saxon Minister in Vienna.

He is succeeded by his brother, Mr R. F. Strickland Constable.

Mr Roy Foster Middleton, a former chairman of the Australian Board of Cricket Control, has died in Adelaide, aged 85. He was a life member of the MCC.

LADY MAUD BAILLIE

Lady Maud Baillie, CBE, widow of Brigadier the Hon George Evan Michael Baillie, MC, RA, died on Easter Day at the age of 78. She served with the ATS from 1938 to 1948, reached the rank of Controller and was made CBE in 1945. From 1947 to 1952 she was honorary colonel of 540 LAA Regiment RA. She was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Derbyshire in 1932.

The eldest daughter of the ninth Duke of Devonshire, she married first in 1917 Captain A. A. Mackintosh, Royal Horse Guards. They had one daughter. He died in 1918. She married secondly in 1923 Brigadier Baillie. They had two sons and a daughter. He died in 1941.

SIR LEONARD DRUCQUER

Sir Leonard Drucquer, president of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, 1965-66, died on March 28 at the age of 73.

The son of W. H. Drucquer, he was born on February 4, 1902, and educated at Haberdashers' Aske's School and the Polytechnic College of Engineering, Regent Street, London. He joined British Thomson Houston in 1920, became manager of switchgear sales in 1945 and director of home sales in 1956. He was director and general manager, AEI Heavy Plant Division in 1958 and from 1966 to 1968 consultant to the AEI industrial group.

From 1967 to 1969 he was chairman of the Council of Engineering Institutions. He was a member of the council of Loughborough University of Technology. He was knighted in 1968.

He married in 1928 Inez Hildegarde Banham.

Lady Hildyard, widow of General Sir Reginald Hildyard, KCB, died on March 26. She was Muriel Mary, daughter of Sir Henry Bonsor, first baronet, and she was married in 1911. Her husband died in 1965.

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BUSINESS NEWS

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BSC launches all-round cost-pruning programme to stave off record losses

By Peter Hill

The British Steel Corporation is heading for its largest deficit since nationalization; but in an effort to avert the huge loss in prospect it has embarked on a wide-ranging cost pruning exercise which will affect every facet of its operations.

These economies are designed to save millions of pounds in the corporation's new financial year, which begins today, to eliminate the loss now in prospect, which is vastly in excess of the BSC's previous worst deficit of £45m in 1971-72.

Throughout every division of the corporation undertaking the scope for economies has been carefully studied over the past few weeks.

Economies will include rationalization of stores, pruning of administrative costs, examination of manning levels through the BSC and building up stocks of both finished and semi-finished goods, possibly with some government support.

Mr Bob Scholey, the corporation's chief executive, who is supervizing the cost cutting campaign, said: "If we can achieve all I want we should be able to be just in the black in the current financial year. Directionally, we are heading for a very serious loss-making situation but we are already getting to grips with it."

The measures are set against the background of the sharp downturn in demand for steel throughout the world. The United Kingdom industry is now beginning to feel the full effects of the slowdown which began earlier in Europe. This has led to considerably reduced shift working in some of the corporation's major plants, particularly in the strip mills division, a large proportion of whose output goes to motor manufacturers.

In the financial year which has just ended the corporation's profit is likely to have been around £50m compared with a profit for the half year of £82m and a final profit for the previous year of £56m. Since the beginning of the second half of the 1974-75 financial year the BSC has



Mr Bob Scholey: getting to grips with costs.

been operating at break-even levels or below.

Against the background of the depressed market, however, the BSC is faced with huge additional costs. Before the coal price increase of 30 per cent, which will add £85m a year to the BSC's coal bill, these were estimated at £400m. But what must be added to these figures is the additional cost involved in keeping open plants which were reprieved as a result of the Government's review of the plant closure programme.

While the BSC has been reluctant to quantify the size of the additional costs, these are estimated at between £40m to £50m a year for wages and other payments. Price increases introduced at the beginning of this year will generate an estimated £300m but given the expectation that the steel market will not improve until late spring next year and falling prices elsewhere, this may not be achieved.

Discussions have already started with the National Coal Board on the financing of the BSC coal stocks. The BSC is seeking to reduce the financial burden involved through some new arrangement under which the NCB might bear a larger share of the stockholding costs.

Scrap is another area where the BSC sees scope for savings. Its stocks are now well up and already this year the corporation has dropped its buying price three times. Further progressive reductions are anticipated.

Last year the BSC produced 19.3 million tonnes of steel, nearly 20 per cent less than in the previous year as a result of production problems involving plant and labour disputes. This year's production is expected to be about the same and it expects that about 1.5 million tonnes will be in the form of semi-finished products like slabs and carbon billets, categorized as "counter cyclical stock" which could avert the need for a complete halt to scrap inflow.

Corporation planners are also looking at the possibility of building up consignment stocks—finished steel products—which would be available for despatch when market conditions improve. In each case, however, the method of financing has still to be resolved and discussions are taking place with Government departments.

Mr Scholey emphasized that he was also seeking fundamental changes in the corporation's stores procedures and further economies in the BSC's administrative overheads. On the labour front the gravity of the situation was discussed at last week's meeting with members of the TUC steel committee. Over the next few weeks there are to be local level discussions on manning levels in the corporation.

The corporation's sales teams have also been briefed for an aggressive attack on markets, particularly those export markets where the BSC has failed to penetrate with its more specialized products.

Asked what effect this year's prospects might have on the corporation's 10-year development programme—where estimated total costs have risen from £3,000m to beyond £4,500m—Mr Scholey said: "If we implement this belt tightening programme we can let the development programme go on.

'Slightly deflationary' Budget is forecast

By Tim Congdon

In spite of an injection of £500m into the economy, the Budget will probably be "slightly deflationary in demand terms", according to the latest *Economic Forecasts*, published today by Phillips and Drew, the stockbrokers.

This is because most of the money injected into the economy will go to the company sector and will help liquidity rather than cause new expenditure.

The personal sector will be subject to a substantial increase in its tax burden which will "perhaps take £1,000m out of consumption", *Economic Forecasts* argues. Emphasis in the Budget will be on higher indirect taxtion, with large increases in the duty on whisky, wine and beer.

Tobacco duty is also expected to be raised, but it could be less than the 5p on a packet of 20 seen last March. Further progress could be made towards a multi-rate value-added tax system with higher rates on luxury items. VAT on clothing might be lowered from 8 to 5 per cent as part of the Budget's redistributive bias.

In spite of these increases in taxation, Phillips and Drew does not think Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will announce a large reduction in the forecast government borrowing requirement for the 1975-76 fiscal year. "If an estimate is given we believe that this will not be less than £8,000m", the forecast says.

Although Phillips and Drew do not expect general import controls to be introduced in the Budget they do forsee a gradual move towards control over the next two years. "Selective import controls" may come in the autumn, while there will be "a temptation to move towards more general controls next year".

The stockbrokers also regard an attempt at a more formal incomes policy as likely. The Government is expected to open discussions with the unions after the Budget which will lead to a clarification of the social contract into an index-linked arrangement with 1 per cent on wages for every 1 per cent price increase.

Opec experts discuss proposals to abandon dollar as currency for calculating oil prices

By Roger Vielvoye

Abandonment of the dollar as the currency in which oil prices are calculated could come a step nearer this week. Top advisers to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) are meeting in Vienna to discuss the future of the dollar.

Also on the agenda is the key subject of coordinated production cutbacks. While it is official Opec policy to deny the need for any system of production controls, there is a growing body of opinion within the organization that feels there are serious dangers in failing to produce a workable policy.

A number of Opec members, including Iran, Kuwait and Algeria, have suggested replacement of the dollar. The effect of the fluctuating strength of the dollar on oil revenues is behind the move to replace it with a unit based on the average of a number of currencies.

At the last full ministerial meeting it was decided to leave a final decision on the dollar until a gathering in Gabon on June 9. But if the Economic Commission decides this week that urgent action should be taken, a special ministerial meeting will be convened towards the end of the month.

Making new recommendations on production controls presents considerable difficulties for the Economic Commission since many members are categorically opposed to any form of co-ordination.

The immediate way out of this dilemma may be to alter the freight and quality differential charged on some countries' oil output which would in effect make them cheaper and enable production from these areas to be increased.

Countries like Algeria and Libya with high-priced crudes have been hardest hit by the substantial slump in demand this year. The experts will also be looking for some way to persuade the ministers who take the final decisions that production coordination is necessary.

In the run-up to the Economic Commission's meeting today three groups of Opec experts have been tackling the practical problems left in the wake of the organization's first summit talks in Algiers three weeks ago.

The working groups are hammering out details of Opec's proposals for the conference with consumer nations planned to take place in Paris later this summer. A preliminary meeting in Paris on April 7 will be attended by Algeria, Venezuela, Iran and Saudi Arabia from the Opec nations.

Experts are drafting detailed proposals for a future indexing of oil prices to the cost of raw materials and industrial goods imported by the oil states, and also examining the longer-term prospects for oil in relation to the likely development of other sources of energy in the 1980s.

Also under discussion are Opec's claim for a bigger say in the world monetary system to reflect its new-found wealth, and plans to coordinate the giving of aid.

Algeria has revived the idea, examined and dropped during 1974, of an Opec fund of at least $10,000m for lending to Third World nations. But Opec sources said the idea was unlikely to go ahead because of practical difficulties involved in recruiting enough expert banking staff.

Other experts are examining another aid project—the idea of supplying the Third World with cheap fertilizer, using natural gas which is now often flared away.

Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani's position as Saudi Arabian Oil Minister seems to have been strengthened by the appointment of his deputy, Prince Saud al-Faisal as Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

Relations between Shaikh Yamani and Crown Prince Fahd have often been strained over the past 18 months and there was some speculation that Prince Fahd would promote Prince Saud to the oil job.

With Shaikh Yamani still in charge, it appears extremely unlikely that there will be any change of direction in Saudi oil policy.

State 'balks chemical investment'

Government control of prices and company earnings has seriously damaged the British chemical industry according to Mr Martin Trowbridge, director general of the Chemical Industries Association.

Controls have cost the industry some £2,000m since the beginning of 1973 and, compared with its world competitors, have prevented it from investing in the plant needed.

"The application of the price and profit code to the chemical industry effectively lopped off the rewards for investing to meet the needs of the peak of the cycle so far as the home market was concerned", he said, writing in his personal capacity in the magazine *European Chemical News*.

That this did not prove fatal to the industry, but only seriously damaging in comparison with competitors located outside Britain, was the fortuitous result of the fact that demand was high in world markets.

Crucial week for car groups' wage talks

By R. W. Shakespeare

Crucial pay talks covering many thousands of workers in two car groups will be resumed this week. In both cases they seem likely to raise problems that could threaten more disruption of production at a time when the industry is deep in its worst recession for many years.

Union negotiators representing about 24,000 Vauxhall workers will meet the management again on Thursday to report that the company's latest pay offer has been rejected at a series of plant level mass meetings over the past fortnight.

This in itself will come as no surprise since the union officials indicated at their meeting with the management last month that they intended to recommend that the deal should be turned down.

Vauxhall's problem will be to find any further room for manoeuvre with the union's financial and production problems which have led to widespread short-time working throughout its organization, and more than 2,000 redundancies at the Merseyside car plants.

It has already offered quarterly increases in basic pay rates over the next 12 months, plus an increase if the inflation rate exceeds 16 per cent at the end of this year. Altogether, this offer could bring basic rate increases of more than £10 for production workers by the time the deal is concluded.

The unions seem to be less worried about improving the size of the offer than they are about getting a much bigger proportion of the cash paid at the outset of the deal. The company, however, is anxious not to depart from what it believes is a sensible plan to maintain wage rates in line with the expected increase in the cost of living, while at the same time not adding drastically to its unit costs of production.

At its Austin Morris plant at Cowley, Oxford, where an important new car range has just been launched, British Leyland has run into problems over a new wage deal covering 17,000 manual workers.

Although most of the work force at Cowley has voted to accept increases of between £5 and £6 a week, a key group of some 3,000 "indirect" workers, belonging to the AUEW, has rejected the company's offer and is demanding that a £6 a week increase should be paid "across the board" with no reduction for lower grades.

The company will go back into negotiations with national union officials this week. Although the management will be anxious to avoid any further disruption at Cowley, it will also want to try to preserve its present wage grading structure.

This is, to some extent, already threatened by the recent decision of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service over the month-long strike of engine tuners who were demanding upgrading.

Ronald Kershaw writes: The announcement by Ideal Standard of Hull that 1,100 employees would be put on short time working after Easter, highlights a gathering employment problem on Humberside. The recent closures of the Thorn electrical plant and Royal Imperial typewriters, where 1,400 have been put out of work have added to difficulties.

The Department of Employment figures show that Hull unemployment now stands at 10,143 or 5.7 per cent of the estimated working population. This compares with a regional figure of 3.3 per cent and a national average of 3.4 per cent.

Power cost rises near world high

By Our Energy Correspondent

Electricity costs are rising so rapidly in Britain that by the end of the 1970s rates may be the highest in the world, according to a survey by National Utility Service.

The survey of prices covering major electricity boards in the world for industrial and large commercial users, showed that in the 18 months to the end of last year cost to the British consumer rose by 61.1 per cent. This figure does not take into account the recently announced increases of about 15 per cent.

In only two other countries were there higher percentage price rises—Italy (83.3 per cent) and Belgium (85.4 per cent).

While the percentage increases in United Kingdom electricity prices have been higher than in most countries between June, 1973 and December, 1974, actual cost per unit compared favourably with many other countries in the EEC. But the recently announced increases will narrow this gap and the heavier burden of rising coal prices will probably close it.

Prices for the four area boards studied by NUS ranged from the equivalent of 2.77 cents to 2.92 cents. In Germany, tariffs in Berlin were 4.83 cents, falling to 3.66 cents in Essen. French and Dutch prices were lower than those of Britain.

Mr Murray Pincus, international managing director of NUS said: "The sharply rising increases show that the costs of basic conversion fuels have been absorbed into electricity costs. These new prices are in effect rationing by price, to encourage conservation, and lessen the impact on the balance of payments."

Radical shipping code on verge of collapse

By Michael Baily
Shipping Correspondent

World liner shipping looks like being thrown into fresh turmoil with the imminent collapse of the International Code for Liner Conferences.

Big British groups like P & O and Ocean could be particularly hard hit if developing countries, which stand to gain substantially from the code, react by passing discriminatory national legislation against foreign shipping.

The code, which was hammered out laboriously by the United Nations last April after three years' preparatory work, was the most radical international measure ever introduced in the shipping field, giving developing countries a substantial stake in shipping and introducing widespread control over freight rates.

But a key clause in the convention, which was pushed through by the combined voting powers of the Afro-Asian, Latin-American and Socialist blocks against the established shipping states like Britain, was that it required support of states representing 25 per cent of world shipping to become operative, and this is now regarded as practically impossible.

With a June 30 deadline, only seven small states with 3 per cent of world shipping have signed the code at United Nations headquarters in New York.

Not only have countries which opposed it in the first place abstained but so have many of those which supported it in Geneva last year. These include the Socialist and Latin-American blocks, and France, West Germany and Japan.

The main reason is that countries which supported the code last year for political reasons are now admitting when it actually comes to committing themselves that it contains so many compromises and is so badly drafted that it is unworkable.

The big question is: what happens next? The code gives developing countries, many of which have little or no shipping, the right to carry 40 per cent of their overseas trade, with 40 per cent going to the country at the other end and 20 per cent to cross-traders.

It also imposes a 15-month standstill on freight rates which in inflationary times could be beneficial to exporters.

In practice, collapse of the code in June is likely to lead to a lot of rethinking and probably to a fresh code representing genuine compromise between the shipping "haves" and "have-nots" in the next four years.

CBI appeal for long-term fuel savings

A call for industry to embark on long-term measures to save energy is made by Mr Campbell Adamson, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, in the latest edition of *Coal and Energy Quarterly*.

He said long-term measures would mean investment in new plant and equipment, changes in manufacturing processes and methods and "perhaps even changes in the products themselves".

Until last March, he said, management was more concerned with the problems of outright survival than with energy saving, but in the latter half of 1974, and increasingly this year, it had taken active measures to save energy.

But the measures were mostly of a first-aid nature or purely arbitrary economies.

UK fairs in China

Britain is to hold a series of specialized trade fairs in China similar to the machine tools and scientific exhibition now being staged in Shanghai. Mr Baron Nelson, the Stafford industrialist, said he had agreed to the programme in talks with Chinese officials.

Executives' pay lag

In recent months "significant declines in executives' disposable income" have occurred, according to a report, *The Rewards of Management*, by the incomes research unit of Lloyd Executive Selection. Executives' average salaries rose by 17.8 per cent last year, compared with a 29 per cent national average.

GKN £2m expansion

Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds is rushing through a £2m expansion of its largest forging plant—Garringtons, of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire—to keep pace with a world-wide surge in orders for diesel engine components. The diesel's better fuel economy has led to a switch from petrol engines for commercial vehicles up to 12 tons.

Ford to make mini car for European market

From Frank Vogl
Washington, March 31

Ford Motor Company announced today that it was planning new European models, and that it would substantially extend its range by taking the company for the first time into the mini-car sector and into the market for extra large commercial vehicles.

The company's chief executives also forecast a general improvement in new sales later this year in most main home and foreign markets.

Mr Henry Ford and Mr Lee Iacocca, respectively chairman and president of Ford, said immediate increases in domestic American car production were planned and that the latest actions by the United States Government to stimulate the economy "will prove sufficient to launch recovery in the second half of 1975."

In a covering letter to Ford's annual report, released today, the company's top officers stated that the latest government actions should boost consumer confidence.

With regard to new models the chief executives said that the new Escort, introduced in some continental European markets in January, "was an immediate success" and that Ford planned to introduce late next year an even smaller car for the "large and growing European mini-car segment, in which Ford has never before been represented."

Ford also announced that it would "substantially expand" its European commercial vehicle range in mid-1975 with a new extra-heavy model.

It said the "Transcontinental Series" would offer maximum capacities of up to 93,000lb, compared with a 63,000lb capacity for the largest lorry Ford currently builds in Europe."

For the American market Ford aimed to achieve a 40 per cent average fuel consumption reduction for its models by 1980.

Chambers argue case for Severn barrage

By Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

Chambers of Commerce in South Wales and the west of England have joined in recommending that a preliminary review should be made of the potential value of a tidal barrage across the Severn Estuary.

In a letter to Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Energy, Mr T. H. Keen, president of Cardiff Chamber of Commerce, says support for this proposal has come from the Bristol, Cardiff, Newport and Gwent Chambers of Commerce and Shipping; and from the Federation of Welsh Chambers of Commerce (which includes Swansea, Port Talbot, Neath and Briton Ferry, as well as Cardiff and Newport).

The type of scheme which is under consideration is a tidal-power system for the generation and storage of electricity, with associated deep-water port advantages for shipping.

A preliminary review costing between £60,000 and £100,000 is recommended by the chambers of commerce. By the end of 1976, they suggest, an evaluation of this review would show whether there was sufficient evidence for an in-depth study of one or more specific schemes.

If the preliminary review justified it the second stage of evaluation, consisting of these in-depth studies, would continue until 1980-81.

Cost of a complete barrage scheme would be about the same as that of three thermo-nuclear power stations, it is estimated, and would provide power equal to that of three nuclear stations, plus benefits to shipping, transport and land reclamation, as well as power storage.

Gas contract.—The British Gas Corporation has awarded a contract worth about £600,000 to the McAlpine Services and Pipelines/Suedrohrbau Joint Venture for work on a natural gas pipeline at Bathgate, West Lothian.

Fire inspection delays worry hoteliers

By Derek Harris

Britain's 32,000 hard-pressed hotels and boarding houses, now facing a £100m bill for converting premises to new higher fire regulation standards, have come up against yet another inflation hazard because of inspection delays.

A survey by the hotels and catering little Neddy, now nearing completion, has disclosed that something like 25 per cent of all establishments were still awaiting an initial inspection by fire officers.

As a result of a series of hotel fires these and similar establishments were the first designated—in June, 1972—for statutory certification under the 1971 Fire Precautions Act.

In some cases individual hotels have been slow to apply for certification but preliminary results of the survey show that of the 25 per cent, over half have been waiting more than two years for fire officers to call.

Some hotels, particularly smaller establishments, have already been forced out of business by the high cost of conversions. Even modest establishments have often been facing bills of between £5,000 and £25,000, and in large hotels figures as high as £500,000 have been reported.

First inspection delays mean that an hotel owner, already in difficulties over rising costs, including the new high rating demands, cannot budget ahead clearly. The longer he waits, moreover, the higher conversion costs will rise.

Fire chiefs believe inspection delays are not affecting every area of the country. Areas with high hotel concentrations, particularly coastal resorts, are usually where delays naturally build up.

But many fire brigades have officer personnel problems. An improved training programme brought in a year ago is creating a once-and-for-all gap for a time in the numbers of trained men coming through.

A recent reduced working hours deal is also taking effect.

The British Hotels, Restaurants and Caterers Association, which asked for the little Neddy survey because of mounting anxieties in the trade, expects it to strengthen their arguments for state assistance.

It wants the Chancellor to bring in grants to tide over hotel owners and caterers, or, if that is not possible, to introduce low-rate, long-term loans to plug the financial gap.

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Lending rate 10 pc

The Bank of England's minimum lending rate is unchanged this week at 10 per cent. The following are the results of Friday's Treasury Bill Tender:

Applications £581.0m. Allotted £150m
Bids at £97.65% Received 33%
Prev week £97.65% Received 42%
Average rate £97.3694% Prev week £97.3830%
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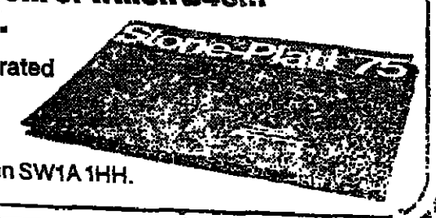
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974*
Net sales	£57m	£60m	£63m	£82m	£111m
Profit before taxation	£3.2m	£3.6m	£4.7m	£7.0m	£8.0m
Earnings per share	5.3p	6.2p	8.9p	11.7p	16.1p
Dividend per share—gross	2.75p	3.25p	3.40p	3.66p	4.11p
Return on capital employed	10.8%	12.5%	15.8%	19.1%	20.7%

*Note: 1974 profits are not directly comparable with previous years due to a change in accounting basis in USA which is explained in the Annual Report.

From the 1974 Report:

- Sales of £111m were 35% higher than in 1973.
- Profits and earnings per share the highest yet achieved.
- Order book of £174m exceeds previous year's record.
- Liquidity remained satisfactory.
- Sales overseas £80m of which £40m exported from UK.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Rights issues: the underwriters' risk

Consolidated Goldfields' rights issue was interpreted by some as putting out warning signals to the market that the time had come to pause for breath, in its headlong rush to raise new funds. But last week the warnings were shrugged off with issues from Tube Investments and Donald Macpherson bringing the total for March to no less than 12, worth the impressive sum of £175m. Clearly it takes more than a short-term setback in the stock market to staunch the flow of issues.

A much more critical indicator will be if and when the underwriting banks first encounter serious difficulties in sub-underwriting their issues. So far it has not happened, but there are some signs that from here the going may not be so easy.

The sub-underwriting process is a critical one for the underwriters. The days have long passed when an issuing house accepted responsibility to take up any stock left after public subscription and was only relieved of its obligation to the extent that it could subsequently bring in sub-underwriters.

Nowadays it is normal practice for the underwriters to complete sub-underwriting of the whole issue so that they incur no risk of being saddled with unwanted stock before taking on any legal commitment to raise funds.

As a reflection of the degree of risk they are carrying, the sub-underwriters, mainly institutions or banks' private funds, duly receive the lion's share of the management commission—1¼ per cent against ¼ per cent for the issuing house and ¼ per cent for the stockbroker involved in the sub-underwriting arrangements.

When an issue takes longer than about three weeks to reach fruition, as for instance when authorized capital has to be enlarged with the approval of an extraordinary general meeting (Midland Bank's £52m issue is taking six weeks), sub-underwriters are also likely to demand an additional fee of ¼ per cent a week to compensate for the increased risk they carry of the market turning sour.

The problem arises when an underwriter has sent off several hundred invitations to sub-underwriters and gets a poor response. In theory, the underwriter can alter the terms of the issue to make it more attractive, or he can pull it from the market altogether. In the Eurobond market this is a not uncommon procedure.

In the domestic market, however, the suggestion of failure in front of such a large institutional audience appears to carry such odium that underwriters will only choose this course as an alternative to total disaster.

Where an underwriter has managed to arouse at least a partial involvement of sub-underwriters, he will probably feel some compulsion to continue with the issue and take up whatever commitment is necessary.

Given the present market volatility, the potential hazards for an issuing house with a relatively modest capital base of taking on an underwriting in these circumstances are obvious enough. In the present banking climate it seems likely that these hazards are understood, and the pattern for the present may well be—as has already happened—that any suspicion in an underwriter's mind of difficulties with sub-underwriters will mean abandoning the issue at a very early stage rather than running the risk of a public flop.

Assoc Fisheries

Arguing about borrowings

Eastern Produce's decision to thwart Associated Fisheries' plans to extend its borrowing powers has left most people mystified but not unsympathetic. Many fund managers have tired of companies making rights issues without giving good reasons, issues that have probably stopped better investment cases from getting a good place in the Bank of England's queue. Some have become just as fed up of directors perfunctorily pushing through resolutions enabling their companies to go further into debt with the same lack of good reason.

Associated Fisheries' plans to keep borrowing limits in line with inflation do not look contentious in themselves but we do have a company preparing to raise borrowings after a bad year to last September, and an awful first quarter to the current one, when it traded at a six-figure loss.

Eastern Produce, itself a highly geared concern in the volatile commodity trading business, may well want to sell its 35 per cent equity stake in Associated, but only when the shares are much higher than today's 39p, where they are far away from the 1974-75 high of 89½p. Eastern's 1973 accounts showed cash or the equivalent of only £643,000 against short-term loans of £4.1m and long-term loans of £7.1m.

EP's Mr Oliver Jessel knows all about the perils of gearing but can he and his company convince the City that what is wrong with AF is not so much the trawling interests as the food processing business which, it is argued, fails to earn good money?

The commodity trading group must also convince fellow shareholders in AF that stopping directors from extending borrowings will improve the management.

Eastern's argument seems to be that AF's management should be prompted into using existing resources more efficiently rather than letting it borrow other people's.

But hindering a company from altering its borrowing limits does not seem a convincing way of improving performance. To do that needs new policies and men. So far EP has offered neither, and does not seem at first glance to be ideally fitted to supply them.

Insurance

Reviewing the options

It must be questionable whether the conflict among insurance companies over the proposed statutory fund for policyholders is in the best interests of the industry. Certainly, the dispute has more a flavour of internecine strife than open debate about it if viewed against the political background.

The Government has dropped some broad hints that it might in certain circumstances consider directing the investment policies of insurance companies, if not actually going further in the direction of state control. Some companies are believed to have taken that hint when it came to supporting Finance for Industry issues for example. They seem slower to take it now.

But, failing some sudden change of government heart (or conceivably of government), there is going to be a statutory scheme of some sort or other. Only Commercial Union seems to have pragmatically accepted this so far and the need to work for the best solution within the confines of that assumption. Jus, what is the "best" solution for the policyholders and shareholders of insurance companies will naturally be the subject of argument. Moreover, this is not the simplest matter on which to decide who are the enlightened and who the obscurantists.

One cannot doubt the sincerity of the Scottish life offices' opposition to what the chairman of one of them recently called the "wholly misconceived" plan of rescuing companies that failed through bad management or cupidity. Traditional Scottish virtues dictate that he who provides wisely for himself should not be forced to provide for others less prudent than himself.

Yet, this argument has no more than a specious appeal when weighed against the assumption that some companies will inevitably run into trouble from time to time, perhaps not even through their own fault. In that event, shareholders as well as the hapless policyholder and creditors deserve some protection.

So much for the crude issues at stake, but then the argument becomes more refined as to the actual point at which the "rescue" of policyholders should take place. The argument that it should not be until liquidation ignores the fact that it might be possible to effect an earlier rescue in which both policyholders and creditors are paid in full, and in which shareholders get at least some return. Moreover, it need not cost the rescuers (other insurance companies) anything at the end of the day.

What appears to be in the mind of companies like CU is that there should be a clearer distinction between technical insolvency under the Insurance Act and bankruptcy under the Bankruptcy law. A period of, say, 30 days' grace between an insurance company's becoming technically insolvent, according to the official solvency margin criteria, and its becoming bankrupt might well be advocated in Whitehall in this context.

A support operation could then take place in the form of loans to the affected company from a levy at the time, or simply through guarantees of its solvency. In this way it might well be possible to effect an orderly disposal of assets to the benefit of creditors and perhaps shareholders.

This sort of solution would certainly avoid some of the traumas and damage to the insurance industry's reputation which could arise if the stern "rescue only in liquidation" line being promoted by some in the industry were adopted. There is a strong case for the industry to reconsider its options and to show more signs of the flexibility which is one of its traditional virtues.

Stock valuation

When in America . . .

Last week two United Kingdom companies reported profits affected—if only slightly—by a change in the accounting policies of their American interests. Bad? Not at all. The change—to a "last in, first out" method of stock valuation—cost Stone-Platt £700,000 after tax on account of its American subsidiary Saco-Lowell; and Turner & Newall's profit was affected to the tune of £287,000 on account of its associate Certain-Teed.

But it puts the figures of both companies on to a more realistic and conservative basis. The only problem is that a similar change would not be permitted to the United Kingdom parent companies: for all Mr Healey's stock valuation concessions and the likelihood of developments once Sandilands reports, so far only the "first in, first out" method of stock valuations is acceptable to the Inland Revenue.

More United Kingdom companies are, however, likely to encourage their subsidiaries to take advantage of the United States authorities' decision that either LIFO or FIFO is acceptable as a basis for stock valuation. The oil companies generally use LIFO already, ar so do some industrial companies' subsidiaries: the American thread side of Tootal, for example, uses it in part. But others who could be weighing up its advantages include Plessey, Baker Perkins, EMI. The damage done by the change in earnings terms is slight, and the gain in cash conservation—on a lower tax charge—is useful.

A tidal force on behalf of taxpayers

Derek Harris looks at a very emotive issue and the organizations involved

Any Whitehall mandarin might be forgiven for still discerning taxpayers, in pressure group terms, as a highly fragmented band unlikely to display the monied muscle of the better-known lobbyists around Westminster.

Numerous they may be, but the organizations which now represent various sectors of taxpayer interest are fast finding stronger voices and with a common articulation.

The increasingly bellicose middle-class movement has a lot to do with the phenomenon—taking up taxation academics' dissertations, for instance, to swell a chorus of demand for indexation—but the increasingly-felt effects of inflation provide the real tidal force.

It is a wave that looks like inundating more than one Whitehall department, especially the Treasury, the Inland Revenue and, as the rough and ready wealth tax of the local rates becomes an increasingly emotive issue, the town halls and the Department of the Environment.

The tax lobby is undoubtedly a varied bunch. Usually only the interest of a particular organization is represented, whether it be the Confederation of British Industry pleading for businessmen, the National Chamber of Trade speaking up for the self-employed or the Middle Class Association hinting at going to the barricades over a rates and taxes burden that they feel will largely lead to the ruin of the middle classes.

Although deliberately non-propagandist there are also groups like the Institute of Fiscal Studies, the Institute of Economic Affairs and PEP whose dissection and critiques of taxation proposals can provide weapons for the tax lobbyists to wield.

It was in an IEA pamphlet that Professor Milton Friedman elaborated his views on taxes and government spending being compulsorily indexed against inflation. The National Institute of Economic and Social Affairs in its review of last November published four articles on aspects of indexation which were generally favourable to the idea of extending the technique in the economy.

Indexation is now one of the strongest demands of the Middle Class Association, co-founded less than five months ago by Mr John Gorst, Conservative MP for Barnet, Hendon North, and Captain L. P. S. Orr, the former Ulster Unionist MP for Down, South.

The Friedman tag that inflation is a form of taxation without representation largely sums up the attitude of the Middle Class Association which has talked of "militant action being envisaged" unless progress can be made in doing something about the rates burden, government overspending and bringing in indexation.

There is now less talk from the Association about possible demonstrative moves—"militant withdrawal of cooperation" by middle class members has been mentioned—but Mr Gorst says something has to be done about ruinous hyper-inflation without, as now, the burden falling on those in the middle of the social scale.

Significantly, the Association is reaching out for contacts with other organizations that make up the tax lobby. There are talks going on with the Smaller Businesses Association, at present agonizing over the plight of members faced by the effects of capital transfer tax.

Mr William Clark, Conservative MP for East Surrey who is chairman of the Income Tax Payers' Society, is also chairman of the Middle Class Association's taxation committee.

It is bodies like the Income Tax Payers' Society, founded in 1921 and bending most of its efforts to an advisory service to members, which has been noticing a sudden upsurge in new members over the past six months. Some 6,000 organizations and individuals belong—covering, as the director, Mr E. C. L. Hulbert-Powell, puts it, the gamut from big business to pensioners.

Mr Hulbert-Powell said: "We have a huge backlog of personal problems to deal with, so at the moment lobbying takes a second place." The society sends an annual pre-Budget letter to the Chancellor and occasionally makes representations on matters it considers especially important.

The Professional Classes Aid Council, which advanced £33,000 in aid last year, has noticed a surprising number of people who from a relatively stable financial state have found themselves in extreme difficulties. A lot of people have problems involving property.

The British Property Federation—the former National Association of Property Owners—has found itself championing many smaller landlords as well as the big property groups in lobbying on the development land tax and the effects of the 1975 rent Act.

Anxieties are growing that the combination of three years' fixed rents for furnished accommodation with no assured prospect of inflation being fully taken into account will put many small landlords into a virtually impossible position.

The rates lobby has found a newly raucous voice in the past year. The National Union of Ratepayers' Association has been gamely campaigning for more than 20 years for rating reform and has been encouraged by what they regard as the long overdue appointment of the Layfield Committee on local government finance.

The association's secretary, Mrs Margot M. Hobbs—working with a treasurer, a copy typist and the occasional voluntary helper—can find herself putting in a 16-hour day coordinating the efforts of the several hundred member organizations at regional and local level as they bombard MPs, town clerks and the chairmen of local authority finance committees.

Ratepayers' action groups have been springing up round the country and a National Association of Ratepayers' Action Groups has emerged in an attempt to coalesce their efforts.

Perhaps the most telling recent entry on the widening tax battlefield has been the recently formed Taxpayers' Defence Fund, a non-profit making mutual company under the presidency of Professor Ash Wheatcroft.

For £10 a year—plus value-added tax—an individual can effectively insure himself against the cost of appeals in tax cases. Many individuals, especially the small businessman, hitherto have preferred to settle a tax assessment, however iniquitous it might seem, rather than go through what could easily be a disproportionately expensive appeals procedure.

The Defence Fund, in removing that fear, could bring a new climate into the relationships between taxpayer and tax inspector. The Fund has apparently been inundated with subscription inquiries. The Revenue, on the other hand, tends to have a practical limit on the number of cases it can take through the courts on appeal.

It seems a fair assessment that taxpayers and ratepayers are showing more and more signs of becoming a force to be reckoned with. The flavour of amateurism is undoubtedly giving way to the sharper savours of professionalism.

It is hard to resist the conclusion that moves towards pooling of interests will grow and that a recognizable pressure group, looking less and less like a partly lunatic fringe, will emerge.

It is to be hoped with increasingly complex tax issues as the battlefield that organizations like the well-regarded Institute of Fiscal Studies—of which Mr Dick Taverne is director—will continue to hold the line by continuing objective and searching (but hopefully succinct) studies of tax structure and fiscal systems.

The IFS feels there has been lack of interest and understanding of public finance issues at too many levels, including the universities and in government. They are lining up new targets, including investment incentives, social security cost benefits and public expenditure. Their audience may now turn out to be much bigger than they ever dreamed.

Italy moves into economic low gear

The moment of euphoria in Italy induced by several months of encouraging trade figures is wearing off. For the first time in 25 years Italians this year face the implications of a drop in gross national product, forecast at 2.5 per cent.

Already people, especially those in the middle class, are living a little worse, eating less imported beef and using less imported petrol for weekend outings.

There may turn out to be a grain of truth in the saying that the state has avoided its own bankruptcy by bankrupting more of its citizens.

Since autumn the non-oil trade balance has been in surplus—35,000m lire ($54m) in November, 142,000m lire ($218m) in December and 35,000m lire again in January. The trend is expected to continue. Signor Guido Carli, Governor of the Bank of Italy estimates that 1975 will bring a non-oil surplus on current account of about $2,000m.

This is no mean achievement for a country whose balance of payments had undergone, to quote Signor Carli, an "unbearable deterioration" because of quadrupled oil prices, and whose international creditworthiness only months ago was nil.

The turnround has made possible repayment of a quarter of the $2,000m credit obtained last year from West Germany as collateral.

Signor Emilio Colombo, the Finance Minister, has been able to show much less interest than expected in pursuing EEC facilities for recycling petrodollars.

The pace of inflation has been slackening, with the wholesale price index actually falling by 0.1 per cent in January. But this has yet to work through to the cost of living, which officially rosef 24.4 per cent in the 12 months ending last February.

Despite these favourable straws in the wind, however, the overall trade deficit is formidable and far from being eliminated. Figures from the government's Foreign Trade Institute put it at 6,920,000m lire ($10,646m) in 1974, 112.6 per cent above 1973. Exports were estimated to have risen in volume by seven per cent and imports to have dropped by six per cent.

Falling imports form part of a general move into economic low gear precipitated by squeezes in credit and taxation.

The year opened with a January fall of 14.1 per cent in industrial production against January 1974, and of no less than 48 per cent in motor car output.

The trade unions estimate that 400,000 workers, or one in 15 in manufacturing industry, are on short time and that another 200,000 in the building industry are out of work. Overall unemployment is put at 1,150,000.

Preoccupied by this, the authorities have switched to a policy of stimulating the economy. From March 24 the government abolished last May's import deposit scheme which froze 50 per cent of the value of a wide range of imports for six months in a non-interest bearing account with the Bank of Italy.

This scheme had always been opposed by West Germany. Its removal is expected to release by September 1,200,000m lire (nearly $2,000m) of liquidity which, it is hoped, will be spent on productive capital investment rather than indiscriminate buying abroad.

At the same time the government lifted a 15 per cent limitation on annual increases in lending by banks, while maintaining a ceiling on overall lending till March next year of 24,700,000m lire ($39,538m).

Other measures have been announced to support exports, to boost agriculture, and to spend 3,000,000m lire ($4,615m) on housing over the next three years.

A priority government target is to lower interest rates, which for much of March were based on a prime rate of 17.25 per cent. These efforts have had some success, though the immediate objective of a 15 per cent prime rate would still make the cost of money in Italy the highest in Europe.

It is arguable whether real recovery is possible under such high interest patterns. But the fear always exists, under parity with international levels, of a resumption of the huge capital outflow of past years.

John Earle

Bunnies are fun but gambling is the Playboy goldmine

The bunny business in Britain is booming. Despite the recent much publicized union problems at the London Playboy Club and the present economic gloom there seems no shortage of businessmen willing to take advantage of the famous Playboy hospitality in London, Manchester, and Portsmouth.

In January this year revenue from the gambling side of the organization—which probably accounts for three quarters of earnings—was the highest ever. And in the last financial year the three United Kingdom Playboy clubs and the exclusive Clermont gaming club between them earned a net pre-tax profit of $7.6m (about £3.5m)—up from $5.9m in 1973.

This is in direct contrast to the much larger United States operation—hotels, magazines, and 16 clubs—whose profits slumped dramatically last year from $14.4m to a lowly $3.2m.

Playboy's success in the United Kingdom, however, has had less to do with the traditional sex appeal of the clubs and more to do with its gaming facilities—the only part of Hugh Hefner's multimillion dollar empire where a lucrative gambling operation has been able to be established.

The importance of gaming to Playboy was highlighted at a recent BIM young managers' meeting. "The Playboy operation in Britain would probably shut down if it was not for the profits from its gaming interests", a senior Playboy executive admitted. And with 28 gaming tables the London Playboy Club is probably the largest casino in Europe.

Yet this virtual gambling goldmine has brought its own problems. Despite earning most of the profits, the United Kingdom Playboy still feels treated as the "poor relation" of the Hefner empire. This pique is suggested in small ways, such as never having had a British bunny picked as "Bunny of the Year".

But the go-go glamour of Playboy's success in Britain has also masked a lack of expertise in labour relations. When a dicetable that consistently lost money was closed towards the end of last year and the staff concerned made redundant, the heavy-handed style of the Playboy management brought to a head a whole host of grievances amongst the staff—a third of whom are bunnies.

After a three-month "cooling off" period in the dispute a number of staff benefits were conceded, including a non-contributory pension scheme, sickness benefits, and improved amenities.

This enforced change in attitudes towards staff emphasized that Playboy is beginning to break away from the harsh rules laid down for success in the American market—presenting a relaxed atmosphere to members while maintaining strict behind-the-scene controls of staff, stocks, and finance.

Yet simultaneous with this softening of personnel policies, Playboy has tightened its management controls, the "hidden" side of the organization.

Playboy is currently running in a new computer system, on an NCR 250, at its City office in Old Street with the aim of speeding up checks on stocks, pilfering, and customers' complaints. Bar receipts over 25p, for example, are processed daily and put on to microfilm. Thus if a query comes in some months later—when a businessman is getting his expenses checked—a complete record of the bill is available in a matter of minutes.

Sales in the Playboy gift shop—which stocks everything from ties and rings with the famous bunny motif to Playboy calendars and magazines—are monitored daily by the computer to check for shortages and pilfering.

Food, especially, is tightly controlled by computer checks since the club restaurants are used as "loss-leaders" to attract customers to the more lucrative gaming tables.

Playboy is aware that, to sustain its growth, middle management talent needs to be developed. The policy is to allow room managers—who are responsible for the gaming tables and restaurants—plenty of freedom to operate, providing they keep within budgets and house rules. This also provides an efficient feed-back for any potential loss-making areas, such as happened when, a year ago, one room started to attract the wrong type of customer.

Not surprisingly, for an organization where results are of paramount importance, promotion can be fast and is usually carried out from within. The general managers at each of Playboy's new clubs in Portsmouth and Manchester were previously room managers at the London club.

David Churchill

THE UNITED STATES DEBENTURE CORPORATION LIMITED

Year Ended 31st January, 1975.

Extracts from the Directors' Report.

The year which has just ended saw our gross income rise from £1,897,931 to £2,074,374 and the net revenue available for distribution increased from £1,039,967 to £1,114,290. This represents earnings for the Ordinary Stock of 2.68p compared with 2.50p for the previous year. For many years our investment policy has been directed towards securing a stable and gradually increasing income for our stockholders and we are pleased to be able to recommend an increase of the total dividend for the year from 2.20p to 2.42p, an increase of 10 per cent.

The year under review was marked by violent fluctuations on the London Stock Exchange and by less exaggerated movements of the market in New York, our two main fields of investment. In detail, the Financial Times Actuaries All-Share Index fell by 28.7 per cent., and the Dow Jones Industrial Ordinary Index by 17.7 per cent.—the latter fall was tempered by a rise in the dollar premium from 27¾ per cent. to 64¾ per cent. In comparison, our net assets declined by 16.4 per cent., resulting in the net asset value behind our Ordinary Stock falling from 83p to 68p.

The world-wide recession and decline in production of the major industrialised nations has been relatively slow in affecting this country. However, latest surveys show that the position is deteriorating and we must therefore expect some reductions in United Kingdom dividends during the coming year. We feel, however, that it should be possible to earn the rate of dividend now recommended, and in any case, our revenue reserves are substantial and available to be called upon if necessary.

Main Features	1975	1974
Gross Revenue	£2,074,374	£1,897,931
Ordinary 25p Stock Unit		
Earnings	2.68p	2.50p
Paid or to be paid	2.42p	2.20p
Revenue Retained	£105,622	£119,542
Net Assets	£32,906,092	£39,342,150
Net Asset Value per Ordinary 25p Stock Unit (Fully Diluted).	68p	83p

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 7th May, 1975 in London.

Business Diary: April in Fakenham • Laughter on Broadway

April is going to be a make or break kind of month for Fakenham Enterprises, the tiny textile machining cooperative founded and run by women in and around the Norfolk village of the same name.

And should Fakenham Enterprises fold or fall—as is possible—into the open arms of one of its customers, then this will be a blow for the common ownership principle.

This is an idea, pre-dating the Industry Bill, which can be seen at work in over a dozen British firms, that organizations work better when owners themselves give a large or even controlling stake in management and ownership to their employees.

Meanwhile, working above the village garage, the Fakenham women have for the past three years been making fashion clothes. The mainstay of the business, however, has been subcontracted machining work, first in document cases and now in "closing" or stitching shoe uppers.

But a big shoe upper contract has fallen through as a subcontractor supplying Fakenham has himself run short of work through the recession. A Fakenham director told Business Diary's Ross Davies yesterday that the situation of the three-year-old co-operative was "precarious".

"We have a breathing space of between two weeks and a month at the outside", Mrs McGrath said. "What we need now is some more contracts or a whacking great order for something like 500 pigskin skirts."

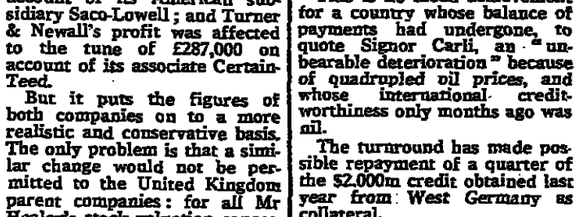
Such an order might soon be on the way from district co-operative societies, following the unanimous passage of an emergency motion at the annual conference of the Co-operative Party in Brighton yesterday.

Delegates, many of whom chair the management committees of the societies, voted to press district co-ops to place immediate orders for Fakenham leather goods. General secretary David Wise said that the party's executive would consider a report on Fakenham a fortnight from now.

Meanwhile, a customer firm is said to be interested in buying the co-operative—a suggestion that may do as much to divide as to unite both the 30 woman workers and the wider common ownership movement.

Such an offer would offer the women some form of security, but might not keep them in the autonomous manner to which they have become accustomed. On the other hand, Fakenham Enterprises has yet to repay a loan to its biggest shareholder, the Scott-Bader Commonwealth.

The commonwealth, a common ownership proselytizer founded by the plastics manufacturer Ernest Bader, helped



Nancy McGrath (second from left), Anne Hunter (far right) and other Fakenham co-operators: a stitch in time?

the co-operative find its feet after its origins in a sit-in after the Norwich shoemakers Sexton and Everard went bust.

A Scott-Bader nominee, Douglas Pike, is on the co-operative's board, along with Mrs McGrath and a fellow founder, Mrs Anne Hunter. Pike is one of the only two men now involved with the co-operative, the other being David Spreckley, chairman of Landsmans, the Huntingdon caravan makers, who brought his firm into common ownership and "looks after the books" for the Fakenham women.

The women have to balance against their three years of "freedom" the fact that many of their husbands work for low agricultural wages, and that work that pays as well as machining is hard to find in country districts.

Scott-Bader must at least consider an advantageous offer, but, as the founding father of common ownership, could lose face within the movement if Fakenham were to fade away—especially now that political developments make the gospel more easily heard.

British tonic

British humour is doing good business in the United States. Robert Morley has evidently been so successful as the star of a huge British Airways campaign in full page newspaper advertisements and endless television commercials that Trans World Airlines are now countering—with Peter Sellers.

Eric Sykes and Jimmy Edwards have been playing to packed theatres with their farce Big Bad Mouse, while Peter Cook and Dudley Moore have been equally successful with their revue, Good Evening.

And illustrating on how broad a front British humour has advanced in the United States is the incredible success of Monty Python's flying circus, a programme which has done far better than any American television experts expected.

While British comedians appear to be fast replacing Americans in American television commercials, Texaco, the giant oil company, has bucked the trend and just signed up Bob Hope to a three-year contract as the company's "Spokesman for advertising". Hope, who follows a Texaco line of comedians that has included Jimmy Durante and Jack Benny, was, of course, born over here.

Bank job

Controversy has flared up over the increasing practice of Italian government to make top banking appointments on the basis of political allegiance rather than professional qualifications. The latest case concerns the decision of the Government's Interministerial Credit Committee to nominate Giovanni Cresti as chief executive of the Monte dei Paschi di Siena. Cresti is a follower of the Christian Democrat Party Secretary, Amintore Fanfani. Coalition Party adherents also share three vacant board posts at the Banco di Napoli.

Confindustria, the private industrial organization, is surprised by the Monte dei Paschi appointment, particularly as it was known that it was opposed by Guido Carli, Governor of the Bank of Italy.

Whatever the merits of the nomination, the issue does no good to the reputation of the Monte dei Paschi, Tuscany's biggest, and Italy's oldest, bank.

Airport club

Businessmen with time on their hands at Brussels airport will be able to fill it more profitably in the future. Today, Sabena, the Belgian national airline, together with the Foreign Trade Ministry opens a businessmen's club.

The services offered to businessmen in transit include a reception lounge with teleprinters, telephones, copying machines, dictaphones, electronic calculators and most important of all—a bar.

Not surprisingly, in an airport where it even costs to go to the gents', few of the services will be free.

FINANCIAL NEWS

BSR sees an end to destocking

By Peter Wainwright

Mr J. N. Ferguson, chairman of BSR, reports in his annual statement that there are positive signs that destocking by customers in the sound reproduction divisions has nearly finished. Last year this division, taking in record changers and player mechanisms, contributed £11.9m of the £14.5 trading profit.

The chairman says that when the interim results were announced last September it looked as if profits might be maintained for the full year. But the normal pattern of strong demand in the final quarter was upset. Slackening retail sales, rising unemployment and dear and scarce money forced customers, especially in North America, Japan and Australia to cut down stocks.

Demand has stayed low but indications of completion of destocking, falling interest rates and easier money suggest that sales should begin to improve in the second quarter. The first model of a new range of hi-fi record changers is now in production with others to follow.

The consumer products division suffered last year from an eight-week strike in the last quarter at the Belfast factory. Had it not been for this, sales, which were not seriously affected by the 1974 miners' strike, would have been substantially ahead of the year before. Elsewhere, there were few stoppages.

Demand is now well ahead of output at the consumer products division (electric kettles and holloware, Goblin Teasmaids, vacuum cleaners and other appliances) and steps have been taken to raise production.

The sound reproduction division exports around 85 per cent of output and much will depend on action by governments in key markets to stimulate their economies.

The directors think that present borrowing limits are now too restrictive. To cope with inflation the directors plan to raise borrowing limits from £15m to around £64m.

Stone-Platt orders good after peak sales year

By Our Financial Staff

Last year sales of Stone-Platt Industries beat £100m for the first time and Mr Geoffrey Hawkings, chairman, says that production has reached planned levels, order books are good and liquidity is satisfactory. But uncertainty about the world economy is affecting business confidence everywhere and continuing inflation and a possible cut in international trade could hurt this year's orders, sales and profits. He cannot make a firm forecast but the group plans envisage continuing progress.

The key textile machinery division, which brought in £6.2m of 1974's total £9.8m in profits before interest and tax, owed all its progress last year to a full year from US acquisition Saco-Lowell. In the UK inflation narrowed margins and the three-day week lowered output. Labour and material scarcity persisted.

The marine and mechanical division (£2.5m of last year's profit before interest and tax) had another record year.

Brighter signs at Henlys

Retail sales by volume of new cars were down by only 15 per cent last year, Mr G. Chandler, chairman, of Henlys, writes in his review. Trading volume for used vehicles fell by 19 per cent, mainly because of lack of supply.

In view of the economic and industrial position in general Mr Chandler feels it would be imprudent to forecast, although the recent rise in used car trading is holding well. Also there are improved contributions from service, parts and forecourt activities.

He is also encouraged by indications of some fall in interest rates as these charges substantially retard profitability when there are high stocking commitments in a period of steep inflation.

Drake & Cubitt hope to hold improvement

Last year Drake & Cubitt turned a loss of £314,000 into a taxable profit of £530,000 and this time Mr Robert Potel, chairman, expects this improvement to be maintained.

Writing in the annual report he says he expects results for the current period to be good enough to enable the recommendation of a dividend. Improved operating profits last time were offset by higher interest charges which rose from £623,000 to £889,000.

There was a strong recovery in all the building subsidiaries, both in the United Kingdom and abroad, but their performance was marred by very serious losses on the United Kingdom civil engineering side of the business. Here, the majority of problem contracts are nearing completion.

British Mohair

It looks as though 1975 is going to be another difficult year for British Mohair Spinners, writes Mr T. Hibbert, chairman, in his report.

The group's trade is largely influenced by conditions in the world, particularly in Europe and Japan, and in this context Britain's membership of the EEC is of "vital importance".

Sales up at Notts Mfg

Nottingham Manufacturing is making every effort to improve productivity, make all possible economies and stimulate demand, Mr H. Djanogly, chairman, writes in the report.

Sales to date show a "significant increase" over last year and order books are well filled. The chairman says the ploughed-back profits of the past provide a sure base either for consolidation or expansion, whichever is in the group's immediate interests.

HK & Shanghai warning on future growth

It would be unrealistic to take for granted the growth in profits and turnover of recent years shareholders of Hongkong & Shanghai Banking were told at the annual meeting.

The chairman said it remains to be seen whether the full impact of the current recession has yet been felt. While the bank's subsidiaries, Hang Seng Bank and British Bank of the Middle East, performed well the Hongkong Bank of California had a particularly difficult year.

An extra $5m had to be subscribed to this subsidiary's capital after it became apparent a large provision would be needed to cover a doubtful advance.

Net profits, overall, last year were $278.3m, against $240.5m.

Robt Kitchen

Robert Kitchen Taylor has a spread of interests and is well placed to expand when normal conditions return, writes Mr W. Hersham, chairman, in his report. At the Anglowest subsidiary there are the facilities for producing profits well in excess of those previously achieved, he says.

RKT Textiles are well balanced and its management well equipped to meet whatever conditions are encountered, says the chairman.

Ransomes, Sims

Demand in each of the divisions of Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, is likely to be adequate to load fully each of the group's factories in 1975, Mr Peter Greenwell, chairman, writes in his review.

But wage and costs rises in the United Kingdom substantially higher than in Europe and the United States could prove this to be wrong.

Inveresk

Mr T. Corrigan, chairman of Inveresk, says the deterioration in the economic climate in North America and Europe is now affecting the company.

Consequently demand for most products has weakened in the first quarter of this year.

W Canning on target

As part of its defence against the Norvic bid, W. Canning, electrical and mechanical engineers, last month forecast profits for last term of £1.1m, against the record £1.32m of 1973.

The formal results to March 27 show the forecast to have been exactly on target with turnover expanding from £16.8m to £19.8m. The board says the current trading indications are reasonably favourable.

Sales of consumer durables in the first two months of 1975 were ahead of the previous year and orders on hand for the engineering division remain satisfactory. There is, however, some weakening in the trend of incoming orders.

The total dividend is raised from 3.56p to 4p. Norvic dropped out of the running for Canning on a reference to the Monopolies Commission.

Unochrome Int stay cautious

The decline of Unochrome International from its peak £794,000 *pre-tax* in 1970-71 was slightly alleviated in the half to December 31 with an increase from £213,000 to £233,000, though the "available" fell from £129,000 to £97,000. The interim payment is up from 0.26p to 0.3p.

Deterioration in demand has led to a marked reduction in turnover, which with increasing costs have reduced profit performance and increased borrowing. Generally, there has been a considerable strengthening of overall liquidity and the present pattern of trade gives a measure of confidence.

Illingworth buys more Mallinson

Accompanying a letter from Illingworth, Morris, urging shareholders of George Mallinson to accept the group's 17p a share offer in spite of their own board's advice to ignore it, is a statement that Illingworth holds 43.16 per cent of the equity already. This excludes acceptances of the offer, and follows a direct purchase of 3.83 per cent of equity at the offer price.

Among arguments used to further their case, Illingworth's board claims that the bid price of 17p is 89 per cent higher than Mallinson's share price before the offer, and the view that the short-term outlook is poor for smaller companies in wool textiles.

Derritron resignations

Reporting a half-time setback but confident on the full year, Derritron announces that two directors have resigned, Mr H. A. McGhee, managing director, and Mr J. O. Stanley. Mr B. H. Dando is the new managing director.

For the half to October 31, pre-tax profit fell from £88,000 to £67,000 on turnover up from £778,000 to £941,000. Results for the second-half are expected to improve, the order book is at a high level and the outlook "encouraging". There is no interim payment. In the preceding year there was a single dividend of 0.37p.

Bate overcome falling market

In spite of heavy cost increases and a falling market in the second half William Bate, metal processors, earned profits before tax of £327,000 last year, against £522,000. Turnover was £7.5m (£6.2m).

The chairman says the motor industry recession is having its effect but interests in other markets, both home and export, are expected to improve.

Midland News drop

Midland News Association, formerly Express & Star (Wolverhampton), on turnover up from £11.7m to £14.3m for 1974, turns in pre-tax profits down from £1.64m to £1.21m and the "net" from £853,000 to £538,000.

Per-share earnings on the restricted ordinary were unchanged at 12.5p, the non-voting was down from 59.5p to 34.3p, and the "A" ordinary from 1.8p to 1.2p. The dividend on the three classes are unchanged.

Barclays Nat Bank

In the prospectus for its rights issue, Barclays National Bank (based in Johannesburg) says that the interim results should be good with a higher dividend of 8.5c (7.5c). Earnings for the rest of the year should show an increase over the R22.7m achieved last term.

Clifford's Dairies

In face of a near-halving of pre-tax profits to £250,000 in 1974, the directors of Clifford's Dairies are banking on a much-improved position in 1975, and so they are proposing the maximum increase in the dividend from 15.4 to 17.36 per cent—twice covered by earnings. Turnover edged up to £11.3m.

Setback to Relyon

On sales up from £5.03m to £5.84m for 1974, pre-tax profit fell from £943,000 to £848,000 and including profit arising from the previous year of nil against £40,000. The "net" was £403,000 against £456,000. The total dividend is up from an adjusted 6.32p to 7p.

Bifurcated gloom

On turnover improved from £6.42m to £8.13m, Bifurcated Engineering turns in taxable profit some 28 per cent better at £864,000 for 1974. The "attributable" increased from £305,000 to £438,000, while earnings per share work out at 6.86p against 5.81p. The total payout, meanwhile, is up from 3.74p to 3.83p.

Wall Street

New York, March 31.— Stocks closed narrowly lower today, giving up a moderate early gain. Trading was slow on the decline.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 2.11 points to 768.15. It was ahead almost four points in early trading.

Declining issues outnumbered gainers by about 790 to 630.

Volume fell to 16,270,000 shares compared with 18,300,000 shares on Thursday.

Analysts attributed early buying to President Gerald Ford's signing of the tax-cut Bill. However, they said uncertainty remained about the United States economy and expected lower first quarter earnings reports.

The Shields Model Roland analyst, Mr Myron S. Helman, said light volume indicated end-of-the-quarter waiting for signs of market direction. He also said there was some concern about market direction and cited major financing plans ahead in April by both government and business.

Analysts says the money needs could be over-demanding on the money market.

They noted concern among investors about a tense Middle East situation and continuing severe reverses for South Vietnam.—AP-Dow Jones.

NY silver up 9.00c

New York, March 31.—Comex SILVER futures closed 9.00 to 8.70 cents higher, nearly erasing the loss registered on Thursday, the last trading day before the holiday. Volume was high at 21,171 lots but total switching represented almost 20,000 lots, mainly for tax purposes, said traders. April, 425.00c; May, 427.50c; June, 430.40c; July, 433.50c; Sep, 438.50c; Dec, 447.50c; Jan, 450.00c; March, 455.60c; May, 461.10c; July, 466.50c. Handy and Harman 425.50 (previous 422.00); Handy and Harman of Canada SCan4.251 (previous SCan4.239).

GOLD futures closed slightly higher in quiet trading. The New York Comex ended 30c to $1.10 higher while the Chicago IMM ended unchanged to 70c firmer. Comex volume was little changed at 807 contracts against 818 last Thursday, while IMM volume only totalled an estimated 485 contracts. NY COMEX—Apl $177.10; May $178.30; Jne $179.50; Aug $181.90; Oct $184.30; Dec $186.80; Feb $189.30; Apl $191.80; Jne $194.30; Aug $196.80. CHICAGO IMM—Apr $176.10; Jne $179.40; Sep $182.70; Dec $187.00; Mch $190.50; Jne $194.00.

COPPER was very steady on 988 sales. April, 62.40c; May, 62.90c; June, 63.40c; July, 64.00c; Sept, 65.10c; Dec, 66.80c; Jan, 67.30c; March, 68.20c; May, 69.10c.

WOOL futures and CROSSBRED futures were tradeless today. GREASE WOOL.—Spot 106.0c nominal; May, 115.8-117.0c; July, 121.0-122.2c; Oct, 121.0-126.2c; Dec, 122.0-129.0c; March, 123.0-132.5c; May, 125.0c bid; July, 126.0c bid. CROSSBRED.—Spot 64.0c nominal; May 70.0-73.2c; July, 73.0-76.2c; Oct, 72.0c bid; Dec, 72.0c bid; March, 74.0c bid; May, 74.0-80.0c; July, 74.0c bid.

COCOA futures sold off in the final minutes of the session with Commission House stops bringing prices down 1.15 to 65 cents. The volume of 1,790 contracts was inflated by 796 switches. May, 60.00c; July, 57.45c; Sept, 56.20c; Dec, 55.10c; March, 54.25c; May, 53.95c nominal; July, 53.55c nominal. Spots: Ghana 78½. Bahia 68½.

COTTON futures closed 0.60 cent higher on Commission House short-covering prompted by the firmness of midwest grains. The trade was a reserved seller on the scale up. May, 43.10c; July, 43.80c; Oct, 45.53c; Dec, 46.12-.15c; March, 46.85c bid; May, 47.70c bid.

A semi-holiday atmosphere ruled in world SUGAR futures today with prices closing 0.25 cent lower to 0.20 cent higher. The world spot price was unchanged. Spot, 25.50c. May, 25.46-.36c; July, 24.38-.25c; Sept, 23.15-.25c; Oct, 22.45-.37c; March, 19.90c; May, 19.50c; July, 18.90c nominal.

COFFEE was very quiet with only 105 sales in the "C" contract. Prices showed almost no movement. May, 51.90c; July, 52.90-53.00c; Sept, 54.70c; Nov, 55.20c; Dec, 55.20c; March, 55.80c bid.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed strong 12½ to nine higher. May, 387-387½c; July, 371-371½c; Sept, 378½c; Dec, 387½-388c; March, 392½c. MAIZE closed strong 4½ to seven higher. May, 298½-299c; July, 299-298¾c; Sept, 291c; Dec, 273½-275c; March, 279½c.

OATS closed strong six to three higher. May, 158c; July, 153-153½c; Sept, 147½c bid; Dec, 151½-152c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—May 611-609c; July, 611-612c; Aug, 612½c; Sept, 601½-601c; Nov 595-596c; Jan, 601½c; March, 609c. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 30.75; July, 29.50c bid; Aug, 28.50-.55c; Sept, 27.50-.60c; Oct, 26.55; bid; Dec, 25.50-.40c; Jan, 21.85-.90c; March, 24.50c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—May, $127.00; July, $132.00-131.00; Aug, $134.00-.50; Sept, $137.00; Oct, $139.00 bid; Dec, $141.50-141.00; Jan, $142.00; March, $145.00.

	Mar 31	Mar 28
Allied Chem.	36⅝	36½
Allied Stores	28½	28½
Allied Supermkt.	3⅜	3½
Allis Chalmers	9⅝	9¾
Alcoa	37⅛	37¾
Amax Inc	41	41⅜
Amerada Hess	17	17
Am Airlines	8¼	8⅛
Am. Brands	38⅝	38½
Am. Broadcast	19⅝	21
Am Can	33¼	32¾
Am. Cyan.	25½	25⅞
Am. El. Power	16⅞	18⅜
Am Home	38⅜	38⅝
Am. Motors	5⅝	6
Am. Nat. Gas	36⅝	36⅜
Am. Smelt.	17⅛	17⅛
Am Standard	13⅞	13
Am Tel	49⅛	49¾
Amf. Inc.	16⅛	15⅞
Anaconda	17⅝	17
Armco Steel	29⅛	30
Ashland Oil	19⅛	19
Atl. Richfield	81⅝	81⅞
Avco	4½	4½
Avon Prod	37¼	39
Babcock & Wcox	16⅝	16⅜
Bankers Tst NY	29½	30¼
Bank of Am	37 b	38¼ b
Bank of N.Y.	29¼	30
Beat Fds.	20⅞	19⅝
Bect. Dick	37½	36½
Bell & Howell	14½	15½
Bendix	33⅝	32
Beth. Steel	34⅛	34⅛
Boeing	20⅝	21
Boise Cascade	17⅛	17⅞
Borden	23⅞	23⅛
Borg Warner	16⅝	17
Bristol Myers	59⅝e	60
BP	9⅝e	9⅝
Budd	9⅝	9⅝
Burl. Ind.	23¼	23½
Burlington Nthn	35	35½
Burroughs	91	90⅝
Campbell Soup	31	31¼
Canadian Pac	15⅝	15⅞
Caterpillar	65¼	65⅝
Celanese	29	29
Central Soya	12⅛	12⅝
Charter N.Y.	13	12⅞
Chase Manhat.	31⅝	32⅛
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	35⅛	35¼
Chesapeake Ohio	32	32¼
Chrysler	10½	10⅝
Citicorp	32⅞	33½
Cities Serv	39¼	40¼
Clark Equip	27¼	28⅛
Coca Cola	79	79⅛
Colgate	29⅝	29⅞
C.B.S.	45	46⅝
Columbia Gas	26½	26½
Comb Eng	37⅝	37¼
Comw. Edison	24¼	24½
Con. Edison	11¼	11¼
Cons Foods	15⅛	15⅜
Cons Power	15	14½
Cont. Can.	26¼	26⅞
Cont. Oil	45¼	45
Control Data	15⅝	15⅞
Corning Glass	45⅝	46⅞
C.P.C. Intnl.	40⅝	40¼
Crane	40	40½
Crocker Int	23⅝	23½
Crown Zeller	32½	32⅛
Dart Ind.	23¼	23¼
Deere	40½	40⅝
Del Monte	23½	23½
Delta Air	37⅛	37⅝
Detroit Edison	10⅝	10⅞
Disney	45½	45¼
Dow Chem.	75¼	75½
Dresser Ind.	48½	48¾
Duke Power	13½	13¾
Du Pont	90⅝	90
Eastern Air	5⅞	6
East. Kodak	92¼	92⅞
Eaton Corp.	26⅜	26½
El Paso G.	13⅜	12⅞
Equitable Life	18	18⅝
Esmark	26¼	26½
Evans P. D.	5⅜	5½
Exxon Corp	74	73⅜
Firestone	17⅝e	18
Fst. Chicago	17½	17⅞
Fst. Nt. Boston	28½	28⅞
Fst. Penn Corp	18⅝	18¼
Ford	37⅞	37⅛
G.A.F. Corp.	9⅝	10½
Gamble Skogmo	24½	23⅞
Gen Dynam.	30½	31⅞
Gen. Electric	46	46⅛

	Mar 31	Mar 28
Gen Foods	24⅛	24½
Gen. Instr.	10⅝	10⅝
Gen. Mills	45⅝	45⅞
Gen Motors	41⅝	42⅛
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	13½	13½
Gen. Tel El.	18⅞	19½
Gen. Tire	14	14⅛
Genesco	3⅝	3½
Georgia Pac	39⅞	40½
Getty Oil	142¼	142
Gillette	32	32⅛
Goodrich	17⅛	16⅞
Goodyear	17⅞	17⅛
Gould Inc.	20⅛	20⅞
Grace	25	25⅛
Grant W T	5	5
Gt. Atl & Pac.	9⅝	9½
Greyhound	12⅞	12⅞
Grumman Cp.	15⅝	15⅝
Gulf Oil	19½	19½
Gulf Wn Ind.	31	31⅛
Heinz, H J.	46⅛	46½
Hercules	24⅛	24⅛
Honeywell	30½	30½
Illinois Cent Ind	13½	13⅝
Ingersoll	77½	77¼
Inland Steel	40⅛	40½
I B M	206¼	207½
Int Harv.	23⅝	23⅝
Int Nickel	25	23½
Int Paper	41⅝	41⅝
Int Tel Tel	19⅝	20⅛
Jewel Co.	22⅝	22¼
Jim Walter	34¼	34⅛
Johns Manv	21⅞	22⅛
Johnson & John	90⅝	92⅛
Kaiser Alum.	23	23
Kennecott	39⅛	36½
Kerr McGee	76⅛	78⅛
Kimb Clk.	30⅛	30½
Kraftco Cp.	40	40
Kresge S.S	25½	25⅞
Kroger	22½	23⅛
Ligg. Myer	25½	25⅞
L T V.	15⅛	15⅛
Litton	6⅛	6⅛
Lockheed	6⅝	6⅝
Lucky Stores	13	13¼
Magnavox	5¼	6⅛
Manuf Hanover	30¼	30⅝
Mapco	33½	34⅛
Marathon Oil	32⅝	32⅛
Marcor Inc.	21⅛	21½
Marine Mid.	17	18
Martin Mar.	16⅝	15½
McDonnell	11⅛	12
Mead	15⅝	15⅝
Merck	77½	77⅞
Minn. Mm.	51	51⅛
Mobil Oil	39⅞	40⅛
Monsanto	55⅝	55½
Morgan, J. P.	58	59⅛
Motorola	51	51⅛
NCR Corp	20⅞	20⅛
NL Ind	13⅝	13⅝
Nat. Bisc	34⅛	34⅛
Nat Distill.	15⅜	15½
Nat. Steel	39⅝	40⅛
Norfolk West	64⅛	64½
NW Bancor	38⅝	35
Norton Simon	17⅛	15⅜
Occ. Pet	13½	13⅝
Ogden	17⅞	17½
Olin Corp.	20⅝	20
Otis Elev	32½	31½
Owens Ill.	34½	35⅝
Pac. Gas. El.	20⅝	20⅝
Pan Am.	4⅛	4
Penn Cent	1⅞	2
Penney J C	56⅞	57
Pennzoil	19⅝	19⅝
Pepsico	60	59⅝
Pet Corp	22½	22½
Pfizer	29⅛	29⅞
Phelps Dod.	37	37
Philip Mor.	49½	48⅞
Phill. Pet.	39⅛	40⅛
Polaroid	24	24⅛
P.P.G Ind	26⅛	27
Proc Gamble	95⅞	96
Pub.Ser.El & Gas	15⅛	15⅛
Pullman	44⅛	45
Rapid American	7⅛	7⅛
Raytheon	33⅞	33¼
RCA Corp	15⅞	16⅛
Repub Steel	31⅛	31⅞
Reynolds Ind.	53⅝	53⅞
Reynolds Metal	19	19⅞
Rockwell Int	19⅝	20¼
Royal Dutch	34⅛	34½
Safeways	44⅛	44⅝
St. Regis	24	24

	Mar 31	Mar 28
Santa Fe Ind	26⅛	26⅞
SCM	14	14½
Schlumbgr	112	114¼
Scott Paper	16⅞	16⅛
Seaboard Coast	28¼	28¼
Seagram	30⅞	30¼
Sears Roe	67½	67¼
Shell Oil	43⅝	43½
Shell Trans.	21⅝	22⅛
Signal Co	16½	17
Singer	12½	11⅞
Sony	10½	9⅛
Sth Cal Edison	17⅝e	18⅛
Southern Pac.	29¼	29⅝
Southern Rly.	48⅛	48⅝
Sperry Rand	34⅞	34⅝
Squibb	39	38⅝
Std Brands	62⅝	62⅝
Std. Oil Cal.	24¼	24½
Std Oil Ind.	39	39⅛
Std. Oil Ohio	59	58
Sterling Drug	21½	21⅛
Stevens J P.	12 e	12½
Stude Worth	26	26⅝
Sunbeam Cp.	17⅛	17⅛
Sundstrand	20⅝	20½
Sun Oil	32⅝	31⅛
Teledyne	13½	13⅛
Tenneco	22⅛	22⅜
Texaco	24⅝	24⅜
Texas East Trans	29¼	29
Texas Inst	90⅝	92½
Texas Utilities	20½	20¼
Textron	20⅝	20¼
T.W.A	11⅛	11½
Travelers Cp.	25⅛	24
T.R.W. Inc.	18	17⅛
U A L Inc	20⅝	21
Unilever Ltd.	31¼	31⅛
Unilever N.V.	44¼	44⅛
Unionamerica	3⅛	3⅛
Union Bancorp	8⅞	8⅝
Union Carb.	56⅛	58⅛
Un. Oil Cal.	37⅛	37⅛
Un. Pacific Corp.	71	70⅞
Uniroyal	8⅞	8⅝
United Aircraft	41	41
United Brands	6⅝	6¼
Utd Merch & Man	13⅝	14
U.S Industries	4⅛	4⅝
U.S. Steel	56⅝	56½
Wachovia	16½	16⅛
Warner Comm	12⅞	12⅝
Warner Lambert	33⅝	32⅞
Wells Fargo	15⅛	15⅛
West'n Bancorp	22⅝	23
Westgh El	14⅛	14½
Weyerhaeuser	34	34
Whirlpool	23⅞	24
White Motor	8⅝	8⅞
Woolworth	13⅞	13½
Xerox Cp	71	71⅞
Zenith	17½	17⅞

Canadian Prices

	Mar 27	Mar 27
Abitibi	9⅛	9⅛
Alcan	21½	21⅜
Alg Steel	27½	27⅞
Asbestos	16⅛	16⅛a
Bell Tel	47⅛	47⅜
Can Sup Oil	32⅝	32⅝
Can Imp Bk	4.97	4.67
Cominco	28⅛	28½
Cons Bat	23¼	23⅝
Distiller	35⅛	38⅛
Falconbridge	31½	31½
Gulf Oil	23¼	25⅛
Hawker Can.	5.00	5.00
Hud Bay Min	18⅝	18⅜
Hud. Bay Oil	23¼	23⅞
I A C Ltd	19	19 h
Imasco	25½	25⅛
Imp. Oil	25¼	25⅛
Int Pipe	13	12
Mass-Fergsn.	15⅛	15⅛
Power Cp	10	10
Price Bros	14	14
Royal Trust	23½	23½
Steel Co.	27⅛	27⅛
Tex Can.	31½	31½
Trans. Mar. Oil	11	11
Walker H.	40	40
W.C.T.	21⅝	21⅝

e Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.4065 ($2.4071); three months, $3.3758 ($2.3758); Canadian dollar, 99.75c (99.70c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index up 2.73 to 311.94. The futures index was 291.64.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 768.15 (770.26); transportation, 162.52 (166.13); utilities, 77.20 (76.94); 65 stocks, 240.26 (240.76). New York Stock Exchange index, 44.21 (44.60); industrials, 48.66 (49.12); transportation, 31.47 (31.58); utilities, 30.44 (30.56); financial, 47.15 (47.77).

Briefly

HANIMEX

In half to December 31 pre-tax of this London-quoted group fell from £1.16m to £720,000, but dividend unchanged at 5 cents. Higher sales not matched by profits.

PHOENIX TIMBER

Operation to cease at Belgian subsidiary Wardeco. In half to September 30 loss was £110,000 and deficit has continued.

NORWICH UNION

For about net asset value NU to acquire Anglo-Portuguese Bank, fully authorized United Kingdom bank.

LAWTEX

Interim profits £97,000 (£190,000) pre-tax. Dividend stays at 1.26p net. Clothing division hit by downturn in demand for workwear.

Business appointments

Successor to Sir Henry Benson

Mr David Hobson has succeeded Sir Henry Benson as senior partner of Coopers & Lybrand, chartered accountants. Sir Henry has retired.

Mr Richard Latham is appointed a director of Tyndall Investment Services.

Mr Peter Hambro has resigned as a director of London Bridge Securities and Mr M. J. C. Taylor assumes his appointment as chairman of the group.

Mr John Liddell has been made chairman and managing director of James Harrison Holdings in succession to Mr James Harrison, who is retiring from the board but who is being invited to become president. Mr James Bruce and Mr Gordon Fraser are to become additional directors.

Mr J. H. Townsend has been elected president of the Council of Chemical Manufacturers' Federations. He succeeds Mr E. Raskin, who has been president since October, 1972.

Mr J. L. L. Cranston has been appointed chairman of Ross Chemical & Service Company and has become a director of The Proprietors of Hay's Wharf. Mr D. J. W. Browne, Mr J. M. B. Getch and Mr R. T. Frost have joined the board of Ross Chemical & Service Company. Mr C. J. Waller has resigned as a director of The Proprietors of Hay's Wharf and as chairman of Ross Chemical & Service Company. Mr Bruce Kilpatrick and Mr James Keyden have resigned as directors of Ross Chemical & Service Company.

Mr Raymond Levine and Mr Fraser McColl have joined the partnership of Maxwell Batley & Co, solicitors.

Mr Philip N. Davies has been appointed joint managing director of SCM (United Kingdom) with direct responsibility for the marketing of its typewriters and copiers. Mr Davies was previously with Rank Radio International.

Mr J. J. Van der Hagen has become assistant general manager of Banque Européenne de Crédit. Mr K. W. Cassidy and Mr P. H. Mmules have been made managers and Mr N. Bellis becomes assistant manager.

Mr William Allen has been appointed finance director of Ransomes & Rapier. Mr Arthur Briggs becomes production director and Mr Frederick Ballard joins the company as sales director.

Mr John Mitchell, senior vice-president and general manager of Motorola's communications division, has been made executive vice-president and assistant chief operating officer of Motorola Inc.

Mr Cecil Free Jnr has been appointed managing director of American International Underwriters (London) after his appointment as senior officer for all American International Group companies operating in the United Kingdom. Mr R. J. Maylam and Mr J. Gordon become assistant managing directors. Mr Jack Lancaster, formerly managing director of American International Underwriters (London), has been elected president of American International Underwriters Corporation, New York.

Mr Robert Seeley, assistant general manager of Barclays Bank International has become general manager with special responsibilities for North America. Mr Ken Ball, general manager, will now take special responsibility for the Caribbean and Latin American areas.

Mr C. T. Bilby has been appointed an assistant general manager of NFU Mutual and Avon Insurance. Mr N. H. Keegan becomes assistant general manager and secretary; Mr L. F. Ménage, assistant general manager and actuary; and Mr C. A. Thomas, an assistant general manager.

Mr Antoine G. Soussa and Mr Thomas L. Miller have been promoted to second vice-presidents and Mr Bernard Gavage to international banking officer by Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co of Chicago. Mr Soussa and Mr Gavage are assigned to the international cash management group at the bank's European regional headquarters, London. Mr Miller is assigned to the bank's city branch as operations manager.

Mr Jack Fleming, president of Thomas Nelson & Sons (Canada) becomes managing director of Thomas Nelson & Sons (Holdings) and Thomas Nelson & Sons, and joins the board of Thomson Publications. He will be succeeded as chief executive of Thomas Nelson & Sons (Canada) by Mr A. C. Cobham. Mr David Warlock becomes a director of Thomas Nelson & Sons.

Mr Wilfred Wareham, Mr Christopher Parsons and Mr Ronald Guthrie have been appointed directors of Sterling and Dollar Areas Investment Trust. Mr Wilfred Wareham has been elected chairman.

Eurobond prices (noon indicators)

	Price	Redptn Yld
$ STRAIGHTS		
AIDC 10¾ 1981	104¼	9.32
Airlease 8¾ 1988	88	10.31
Ashland 8 1987	91	9.24
BICC 7¾ 1987	72	12.34
Bristol 8¾ 1979	93½	10.37
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	88	10.26
Burlington 7¾ 1987	89¾	9.19
Carrier 8 1987	90	9.39
Chevron 7 1980	99	7.23
Conoco 7 1980	98	7.48
Conoco 8 1986	96	8.56
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	88½	8.86
Coventry 8¾ 1981	94½	10.12
Coventry 8¾ 1980	92	10.32
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	93¼	9.50
Curacao Tokyo 10¾ 1981	104	9.36
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	91¼	9.20
Dana 8 1987	91	9.27
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	86¼	9.19
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	83	9.63
Dundee 9¾ 1985	95	10.10
Escom 9¾ 1989	89½	10.75
Escom Floating Rate 1982	97½	15.71
First Chicago 7 1980	96	8.00
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	82	10.67
GATX 8¾ 1987	90	9.66
Guardian Royal 8 1987	79	11.20
Hambros 7¾ 1987	79	10.86
ICI 7¾ 1992	80	9.98
International Util 8¾ 1982	95½	9.12
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	79	10.68
Manchester 8¾ 1981	89½	10.64
Mexico 9¾ 1991	86	10.82
Michelin 7¾ 1988	85	9.56
Mitsubishi 8 1989	95	9.66
Motorola 8 1987	94¼	8.72
Nat & Grindlay 7¾ 1987	79	10.84
Nat Coal Board 8¾ 1988	88	10.27
Nippon Fudosan 10¾ 1980	103½	9.33
NA Rockwell 8¾ 1987	90	9.68
Occidental 7¾ 1984	81	10.93
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	91	9.21
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	103	8.57
Pennwalt 8 1987	90½	9.29
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	93½	8.35
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	90½	8.64
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	96	9.12
Shell 7¾ 1987	94½	8.26
Singer 11 1977	101½	10.00
Skandinaviska 10¾ 1981	104½	9.32
Slough 8 1988	64	14.22
South Africa 8 1987	84	10.38
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	102½	7.48
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	99	8.48
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	99½	8.54
Sybron 8 1987	91	9.07
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	84½	9.89
Textron 7¾ 1987	86	9.70
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	93	8.44
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	97½	7.53
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	93	8.44
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	95	9.10
Volvo 8 1987	90½	9.33
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	84	10.65
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	104	9.13
Charter (DM) 6¾ '68/83	79	10.68
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ '69/84	80¼	10.40
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1989	100	9.24
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	74½	10.70
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	88½	8.22
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	88	9.76
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	107½	8.70
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	88¼	9.56
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	104½	8.80
Sudafrika (DM) 8¾ 1970/86	92½	9.91
Sun Int Fin (DM) 1988	90	8.78

$ CONVERTIBLES	Price	Prem Conv
AMP 5 1987	61	105.63
American Express 4¾ 1987	83	28.52
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1992	90	26.00
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	106	21.24
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	94	6.92
Borden 5 1992	90	16.51
Borden 6¾ 1991	103	20.31
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	74	27.96
Carnation 4 1987	86	29.65
Chevron 5 1992	90	36.66
Cummins 6¾ 1986	85	134.37
Dart 4¾ 1987	79	51.50
Eastman Kodak 4¾ 1988	106	10.31
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	84	17.18
Eaton 5 1987	75	57.80
Ford 5 1988	72	38.83
Ford 6 1986	83	38.88
Gillette 4¾ 1987	70	66.64
Gould 5 1987	75	35.32
General Electric 4¾ 1987	87	49.87
Halliburton 4¾ 1987	112	4.11
Harris 5 1987	66	95.18
Honeywell 6 1986	82	22.62
ITT 4¾ 1987	71	95.58
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	114	1.50
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	115	0.06
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	89	31.71
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	86	38.09
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	82	41.04
Revlon 4¾ 1987	96	14.22
Rank Org 4¾ 1995	49	80.48
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	84	24.94
Squibb 4¾ 1987	86	29.00
Texaco 4¾ 1988	74	35.65
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	102	3.30
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	94	36.21
Xerox Corp 5 1988	75	52.05

DM = Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Acrow (Engineers) Limited

(Incorporated in England : Registered No. 318974)

ISSUE OF:

£2,295,056 7½ per cent Series A (Coles Group Debenture) Stock 1986/91

£904,032 7½ per cent Series B (Priestman Group Debenture) Stock 1986/91

£708,938 10½ per cent Unsecured (Coles Guaranteed) Loan Stock 1984/88

The above Stocks have been issued in exchange for certain indebtedness of a subsidiary of the Company, The Coles Cranes Group Limited, and of its subsidiary, Priestman Brothers, Limited.

The Stocks have been admitted to the Official List by the Council of The Stock Exchange. Particulars of the Stocks are available in the statistical services of Extel Statistical Services Limited and of Moodies Services Limited and copies may also be obtained during usual business hours up to and including 16th April 1975 from:-

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Brooke Tool Engineering (Holdings) Limited

Presenting the Report and Accounts for the year to 30th September, 1974 to the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman noted

- The profitable year for the Yorkshire companies of the Group but not the Birmingham tool subsidiary.
- The decision during the year to close the Birmingham site and the provision made for costs of closing and removal to new premises.
- The recent acquisition of Hayes Machine Tools International Limited, manufacturers of copy milling machine tools.

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Idle tanker used for grain store

Freight report

Another "first" was recorded in the tanker trade last week as owners and charterers tried everything possible to find active use for supertankers. This time, a very large crew-carrier (VLCC) brand-new and yet to carry a cargo of oil was chartered for two to four months to act as a floating grain store off India. The hire of the vessel, the Margaret Onstad, was said to cost 42 cents per ton per month.

Brokers commented that such a deal at least gave the owners some cash in hand, if not very much to pay part of the bills. It was also thought that on prevailing rates "clean" VLCC grain stores were also a economic proposition for shippers and receivers of grain. Ships have always been prone to discharging delays in India leaving shippers/receivers liable to a penalty—"demurrage" to the shipowner. Currently demurrage for grain ships in India are equivalent to about $2 to $4 per ton a month.

Meanwhile in the market place there was a minor resurgence of VLCC voyage chartering. Some owners had forseen that the assassination of King Faisal would have sparked-off some panic chartering by United States major oil companies involved in Saudi-Arabia. This did not materialize.

As for freight rates VLCC's received marginally higher premiums than expected. Burmah hired two such ships reportedly at world-scale 16.5-17 ($2.42-2.50 per ton) which was between 15 and 30 cents per ton better than rates prevailing in early March.

The grim statistics of too many tankers continues to mount. At the latest count some 25 million tons of shipping are currently without employment.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	10½%
C. Hoare & Co. .. *	10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank ..	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
Shenley Trust ..	12 %
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 7¼%, up to £25,000, 7¾%, over £25,000 8¼%.

Active Easter parade by big companies

Leading industrials and the insurance sector keep up the spate of company results in this short week. London Brick, Bridon, British Printing, Mitchell Cotts, and Wimpey take the eye on Thursday. But Legal and General and the Pearl, along with House of Fraser make tomorrow a big day too. Details:

TODAY: Finals: Bank of Scotland, Cape Industries, C. Clifford Industries, and Stanley Gibbons International.

TOMORROW: Interims: Burns Anderson, and Startrite Eng. Finals: Brittains, Brown Brothers Corp, Expanded Metal, Heal and Son, House of Fraser, Legal and General Assurance, Novitex, Pearl Assurance, Percy Lane, and Winsor and Newton.

THURSDAY: Interims: Mitchell Cotts Group, and Wade Potteries. Finals: Allied Polymer, Appleyard Group, Bridon, British Printing, C. Early and Marriott, Dessouter, Green's Economiser, Hiltons Footwear Multiple Shoe Retailers, Ibstock Johnson, London Brick, Ruberoid, Stag Furniture, and G. Wimpey.

FRIDAY: Finals: Austin Reed, Grovewood Secs, and Hartle Machinery Inc.

M. J. H. NIGHTINGALE & CO. LIMITED
62-63 Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8HP Tel: 01-638 8651

Capitalisation £000's	Company	Price last Friday	Change on week	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
1,050	Armitage & Rhodes	42	+1	3.0	7.3	4.6
3,765	Henry Sykes	116	+2	4.9	4.3	7.3
4,807	Twinlock Ord	35	−1	0.8	2.4	8.1
1,638	*Twinlock 12% ULS*	*59*	+4	*12.0*	*21.4*	—

More share prices

The following companies are being added to the London and Regional Share Price List today and will be published daily in Business News:

Commercial & Industrial
Beckman A.
Financial Trust
Central & Sheerwood Trust.

Weekly list of fixed interest stocks

Stock	Latest Price	Prev Week
Alb & Wilson 7¾ Deb '85-90	54	54
All Pty Hldgs 8½ Ln '92-97	32½	32½
All Brew 6½ Deb '87-92	51•	51½•
Do 7¾ Ln '93-98	58•	58½•
Ass Bis 7¾ Deb '90-95	53¼	53¾
AB Foods 5½ Ln '87-2002	19¾p	19¾p•
Assoc Elect 6 Deb '78-83	61½	61½
Do 6½ Deb '86-91	53¾	53¾
AP Cement 7 Deb '88-93	54½	54½
Do 9 Deb '92-97	64	65½
Bank of Ireland 7 Ln '86-91	63½•	63½•
Barclays Bk 8¼ '86-93	62¼	66
Barclays Int 7¾ Ln '86-91	56¼	57¾
Bass Char 3½ Ln '87-92	32½•	32¼•
Do 7¾ Ln '92-97	55•	57•
Do 8¾ Deb '87-92	62•	63¼•
Beecham 6 Ln '78-83	59	59
Do 8¾ Ln '84-94	60½	62•
Bibby 10¾ Deb '94-99	63	63
Burmid Qual 7½ Ln '87-92	52½•	52•
Boots 6 Ln '78-83	58½•	57½•
Do 7½ 88-93	55•	55
Bridon 8 Deb '88-93	58	58
Brit Am Tob 7 Ln '82-87	63½	62½
BICC 7¾ Deb '90-95	58	58
Brit Leyland 6 '98-2003	31	26½
Do 7½ Ln '87-92	38	36
Do 8 Ln '98-2003	37	37
Brit Oxygen 5½ Deb '81-86	54½	54½
Do Tonnage 9 '88	67½	67½
Brit Petrol 5 Deb '74-78	80½	79½
Do 6 Deb '76-80	72	72½
Brit Shoes 7 '80-82	71½	71½
Brooke Bond 5½ Ln 2003-08	37	37
Burmah Oil 4½ Deb '68-81	58	58
Do 8½ Ln '91-96	46½	50½
Do 7½ Ln '81-86	54½	54½
Burton Gp 6½ Deb '87-92	47	47
Do 9¼ Ln '98-2003	57½•	59½•
Cadbury Schweppes 8½ Ln '94-2004	58½	60
Do 9 '88-93	70	68½
Coats Pats 4½ Ln 2002-07	31½	26½
Do 7¾ '90-95	55½	55
Comm Union 7½ Ln '88-93	58½	59½
C'rage 6¾ Ln 2004-09	45½	45½
Do 8 2nd Deb '89-94	62	61½
Courtaulds 6¾ Ln '94-96	46•	44½•
Do 7 '82-87	59	60½
Do 7¾ Deb '89-94	59	57½
Debenhams 6½ 2nd Deb	47•	40•
Do 6½ Ln 86-91	46½•	45•
Do 7¾ Ln 2002-7	50½	50½
Distillers 7½ Ln '88-93	54½	56¼
Dunlop 6¾ 2nd Deb '85-90	54	50•
EMI 7 Ln '87-92	48	48
English Elec 6 Deb '80-85	60½	60½
Esso 6 Deb '77-80	72	72
Fisons 6½ 2nd Deb '84-89	49¼	49¼
Gallaher 6 Ln '83-88	57	58
Gen Acc 7¾ '92-97	59½	59½
GEC 7¾ Ln '88-93	56½•	56½•
Glaxo 7¾ Ln '85-95	27¼•	26½•
Glynwed 10½ Ln '94-99	65	66½
GUS 5¾ Ln	33	33½
Do 7½ Ln '83-88	57•	58½•
Do 8½ Ln '93-98	63	63
Hawker Sid 7½ Deb '87-92	64	64½
ICI 5¾ Ln '94-2004	39½	40½
Do 7½ Ln '86-91	55½	57½
Do 8 '88-93	60½	60½
Imperial Gp 4 Ln '75-80	62½	62½
Do 7½ 2004-09	52½•	52½•
Do 10½ Ln '90-05	70½	72½•
Initial Services 8 Ln '88-93	56•	56•
Int Stores 7½ Ln 2003-08	51•	54½
Land Secs 8½ '92-97	57•	57•
Laporte 10½ Db '94-99	66•	66•
Lewis's Trust 6½ 2nd '85-90	55½•	55•
Lucas J 7½ Ln '83-88	55½•	55½•
MEPC 8 Ln 2000-05	52	53½•
Metal Box 10½ Ln '92-97	73	76½
Midland Bank 10½ Ln '93-98	78½	79½
Nat West Bank 9 Ln 1993	68	70
Ranks Hovis 6½ Ln '76-81	67½•	67•
Do 6¾ Ln '85-88	58•	61½•
Do 8¾ Ln '91-95	61½	62½
Reckitt & Col. 6½ Deb '85-90	54½	56½
Reed Int 7½ Deb '90-95	54	57½
Renold 7½ Ln '92-97	51	51
Reyrolle Parsons 7½ Ln '88-93	54•	63•
Rugby Port Cem 6 '93-98	45	45
Do 7½ Ln '93-98	42½	42½
Sainsbury (J.) 7½ Deb '87-92	57	57½
Scott Newcastle 4½ Deb '71-76	92½	92•
Do 7½ Deb '89-94	56½•	56½•
Slater Walker 9½ Ln '91-96	57½•	56½•
Slough Est 7½ Deb '85-90	56	56
Smith (W. H.) 5½ Ln	27½	28
Spillers 7 Deb '78-83	57½	57½
Do 7½ Deb '84-89	58	58
Tate & Lyle 7½ Deb '89-94	55•	55•
Thomson Org 5 Deb '64-94	45½	45½
Do 7½ Ln '87-92	53½	53½
Tilling (T.) 8½ Ln '89-94	63	62½
Tootal 4½ Perp Deb	27½	27½
Do 6½ '85-90	53½	53½
Truman Ltd 7½ Deb '88-93	54½•	44½•
Do 10½ Deb '91-96	72•	72•
Tube Invest 9 Ln '89-94	56	56
Turner & Newall 8 Ln '87-92	59	59
UDS 7½ Deb '85-90	57•	57•
Do 10½ Deb '89-94	73½	73½•
Unigate 6½ Ln '91-96	47•	47½•
Do 7½ Deb '86-91	62	62
Unilever 6½ Deb '85-88	57½•	59•
Watneys 7½ Ln '94-99	45½	45½
Do 8 Ln '90-95	58½	59
Whitbread 7½ Ln '96-99	50½	54½
Do 7½ Ln '96-2000	58	54½
Do 9 Ln '97-2001	65½•	63½•
CONVERTIBLES		
Adwest 8 '89-94	78	78
AB Foods 7½ '94-2004	153	158
BPB 7½ '89-94	65•	59•
Bowring C. T. 1981	68½	72
BICC 6½ '88-93	62½	68
Britains 10½ '91-96	87	87
Brooke Bond 7 2003-08	49½	49
GEC 7½ '87-92	105•	108•
Grand Met 10 '91-96	71½	78½
Guest Keen 6½ '88-93	58	60
Hepworth Ceramic 11 1976	92	96
Ind and Gen 4½ '94-99	69½	71½•
Lucas J. 6½ 1980	72	72
MEPC 5 '89-94	108½•	114½•
Midland Bank 7½ '83-93	72½	76
Ready Mixed 8½ 1978	87½	84
Romney Tst 4½ '73-98	66½	71
Stock Conv 5½ 1984	155•	155•
Temple Bar 5½ '85-90	35	35
Trust Hse Forte 5½ '85	72	79

•Ex dividend.

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

Authorised Unit Trusts

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd. Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775			
29.1	-1.3	Giants	26.0	27.8	4.30
30.1	-1.4	Do Accum	27.4	29.3	4.30
24.7	-0.2	Growth	22.7	24.3	4.30
25.1	-0.2	Do Accum	24.1	25.9	4.30
28.0	..	Income	25.8	28.0	8.20
31.0	..	Do Accum	28.8	31.0	8.20
18.8	-0.8	Int Accum	17.0	18.0	3.50
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
19.4	+0.1	Abbey Capital	17.4	18.5	4.96
28.7	+0.4	Abbey General	27.4	29.1	4.79
20.9	..	Do Income	19.6	20.9	6.83
32.1	-0.4	Do Invest	20.4	21.7	4.59
		Albert Trust Managers Ltd. 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
51.9	-3.9	Albert Trst*	44.6	48.0	4.63
41.9	-3.3	Do Income*	35.9	38.6	7.24
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
47.4	-2.5	Allied Capital	41.7	44.6	6.51
45.2	-1.5	Do 1st	40.6	43.7e	6.71
44.6	-1.3	Brit Ind 2nd	40.3	43.1	6.11
24.7	-0.6	Growth & Inc	22.2	24.1	6.54
21.9	-0.7	Elec & Ind Dev	19.8	21.2	6.68
34.2	-1.0	Met Min & Cmdty	31.1	33.3	6.30
42.1	-1.1	High Income	38.4	41.0e	7.18
25.1	-0.9	Equity Income	22.7	24.3	7.79
21.0	-0.3	International	19.4	20.7e	2.51
36.9	-1.3	HighYieldFnd	32.5	34.7e	10.51
70.6	-2.0	Hambro Fnd	64.4	68.8	6.46
34.2	-1.1	Do Income	31.0	33.1	8.26
73.1	-2.3	Do Recovery	66.6	71.1	8.21
15.8	-0.6	Do Smaller	14.3	15.3	7.60
19.1	-0.5	Do Accum	16.6	17.8	5.79
19.3	-1.3	2nd Smaller	16.8	18.0e	7.50
39.7	-0.5	Secs of America	36.7	39.2	2.54
122.8	-5.8	Exempt Fnd	111.4	117.2e	6.64
		Ansbacher Unit Management Co Ltd. 1 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7JH. 01-606 4010			
24.4	-0.2	Nth American	22.6	24.2	4.06
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd. 252/6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5521			
27.8	+0.1	UnicornAmer	26.1	27.9	3.14
50.1	-1.5	Aust Income	45.0	48.6	3.86
60.1	-1.9	Do Accum	54.0	58.3	3.86
44.3	+0.3	Unicorn Capital	43.6	46.6e	5.07
54.3	-0.5	Exempt*	51.6	53.8	6.93
17.7	+0.1	Extra Income	16.7	17.8	9.79
43.0	+0.1	Financial	40.3	43.1	4.90
40.9	-0.4	Unicorn '500'	37.9	40.5e	5.90
21.3	-0.7	General	19.3	20.6e	6.07
25.4	+0.3	Growth Accum	24.0	25.7	6.75
47.7	-0.3	Income	44.6	47.4e	8.06
22.0	-0.4	Recovery	20.2	21.6	7.17
72.2	+0.5	Trustee	68.3	72.7e	6.02
42.7	-2.2	Worldwide	37.9	40.5e	3.97
124.9	-1.5	B'ist Inv Fnd	119.7	123.4	7.76
125.6	-1.5	Do Accum	120.4	124.1	7.76
		Brandts Ltd. 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
104.0	-1.0	Brandts Cap (4)	97.0	103.0	2.28
112.0	-1.0	Do Accum (4)	105.0	111.0	2.05
100.0	-6.0	Brandts Inc (4)	92.0	98.0e	6.96
		Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd. 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
170.0	-12.0	B.T. Income (2)	146.0	158.0	9.62
25.0	-1.3	Do Cap Inc (2)	22.2	23.8	2.77
25.0	-1.3	Do Cap Acc (2)	22.2	23.8	2.77
79.0	-5.0	Do Exempt (2)	66.0	71.0	7.75
12.1	-0.4	Do Int Inc (3)	10.9	11.7	5.61
12.1	-0.4	Do Int Acc	10.9	11.7	5.61
		The British Life. Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
34.6	-0.1	British Life	33.1	34.5	6.30
27.0	-1.4	Balanced (2)	24.2	25.8	5.96
29.1	-1.5	Cap Accum (2)	25.8	27.5	6.97
27.8	-0.9	Dividend (2)	25.4	26.9	10.33
35.0	-1.4	Opp Accum (2)	31.7	33.6	7.23
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers. Founders Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
140.6	..	Brn Ship Inc (7)	135.4	140.6	6.00
159.2	..	Do Accum (7)	154.2	159.2	6.00
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 6 Charles II St, London, SW1. 01-930 6122			
23.5	-0.5	Canlife Gen	21.9	23.0	5.01
25.0	-0.6	Do Accum	23.2	24.4	5.01
25.3	-0.4	Income Dist	23.6	24.8	9.08
26.2	-0.4	Do Accum	23.6	24.8	9.08
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd. Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
55.1	-4.7	Carliol (8)	47.9	50.4	3.92
59.6	-5.0	Do Accum	52.1	54.8	3.92
		Charities Official Investment. 77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
90.7	..	Inc* (24)	90.7	..	7.53
130.2	..	Accum* (24)	130.2	..	5.43
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd. 1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
18.5	-0.6	Int (3)	15.9	17.0	2.50
18.0	-0.6	Accum (3)	16.2	17.4	2.50
26.6	-1.0	Inc (3)	24.0	25.6e	9.46
25.5	-1.2	Euro Fin (3)	23.0	24.6e	2.52
22.0	-1.2	Fund Inv (3)	19.4	20.8	5.37
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 4931			
16.6	..	Growth Fnd	15.7	16.6	5.50
31.2	-0.7	International	24.0	26.5	2.34
27.0	+0.1	Reserves Fnd	25.1	27.1e	5.20
30.2	-0.3	High Dist	27.9	29.9	8.33
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 43/45 South St, Eastbourne. 0323 36711			
60.7	+0.1	Commodity	56.5	60.8	5.01
27.3	..	Growth	25.5	27.3	3.08
23.9	-0.2	Drayton Capital	18.4	19.7	4.03
31.3	+0.3	Drayton Inc	29.7	31.5	7.16
40.9	-0.8	International	37.4	40.1	2.75
		Equitas Securities Ltd. 41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 02774 53169			
44.6	-0.8	Progressive	41.5	43.3	5.68
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd. Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32915			
39.3	+0.1	Equity & Law	36.1	38.4e	5.05
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd. Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4 01-248 6971			
42.2	..	Capital	39.8	42.2e	4.13
42.6	-0.4	Income	39.8	42.2	7.42
		Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
23.4	..	Friends' Prov	21.9	23.4	5.24
26.7	..	Do Accum	25.0	26.7	5.24
		Funds in Court. Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
72.0	-3.0	Capital*	65.0	69.0	4.75
57.0	-2.0	Gross Income*	54.0	55.0	9.09
64.0	-3.0	High Yield*	61.0	62.0e	9.10
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
23.3	-0.8	G & A	21.1	22.5	5.60
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd. 16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 3467 Ext 17			
53.7	-0.5	GT Cap	49.5	52.8	3.30
59.9	-0.8	Do Accum	55.6	59.2	3.30
90.7	+1.2	Do Income	86.6	92.1e	7.60
128.6	+1.4	Do US Gen Fnd	122.3	130.2	1.00
143.2	+2.1	Do Japan Gen	135.6	145.3	1.00
		Gartmore Fund Managers. 2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP 01-283 3531			
20.6	-0.2	Gartmore Brit	[illegible]	20.4	4.48
27.4	..	Do High Inc	25.5	27.2	10.25
25.0	-0.4	Do Overseas	22.9	24.6	3.02
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd. Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 1031			
54.1	-0.3	Guardhill	52.5	54.4e	5.77
		Henderson Unit Trust Management. 11 Crosswall, EC3N 2LX 01-481 1144			
36.4	-2.2	ANU Trst	32.1	34.2e	5.75
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cabot	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	+0.2	Cap Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-0.9	European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-0.1	Far East Trst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-0.3	Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-0.5	Henderson Gr*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	+0.1	Inc & Assets	18.7	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-0.5	International	20.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-0.2	Int Trst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-0.1	Nth American	32.6	34.5	3.61
[illegible]	-0.4	Oil & Nat Res	[illegible]	33.4e	5.34
[illegible]	-0.1	Pres Portfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
64.2	[illegible]	World Wide	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 45 Beech St, EC2 P2LX. 01-628 8011			
45.5	-0.5	Dollar	42.5	45.5	1.64
26.6	+1.0	International	24.8	26.6	2.40
[illegible]	-0.1	Brit Trst	90.3	96.6	[illegible]
[illegible]	-0.1	Brit Guernsey	90.3	95.9	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	Cap	17.2	18.5e	6.22
[illegible]	-0.1	Fin Trst	62.3	66.7	4.54
[illegible]	..	Inc Trst	15.8	17.0	6.10
[illegible]	..	High Yield	16.1	17.3	9.34
[illegible]	..	Secs Trst	30.3	32.4e	5.64
		Jascot Securities Ltd. 21 Young St, Edinburgh.			
[illegible]	-0.4	Compound (1)	18.0	19.6	11.95
[illegible]	-0.9	Do Accum (1)	21.5	23.0	11.95
[illegible]	-0.4	8% W'draw (1)	18.3	19.5e	..
[illegible]	-0.4	Preference	21.4	23.4	13.50
[illegible]	-0.3	Do Accum	23.5	25.5	13.50
[illegible]	-1.5	Cap (2)	13.7	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-0.4	Aust Comp Fnd	11.8	12.8e	7.20
[illegible]	-0.3	6% W'draw	10.8	12.0e	..

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
22.9	-1.6	Sector Ldrs (3)	20.0	21.3	6.23
14.8	-1.3	Fin & Prop (3)	12.5	13.5	4.73
28.0	-0.6	Int Growth (4)	25.4	27.4	3.04
17.4	-1.4	Nth Sea (3)	14.8	16.0	4.09
37.3	-0.2	Commodity (5)	33.9	36.4	5.74
46.1	-1.1	Do Accum (5)	42.5	45.0	5.74
38.4	-0.9	10% W'draw (5)	35.0	37.5	..
		Key Fund Managers. 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
49.9	-1.2	Cap Fund	45.8	48.7	4.88
68.5	..	Exempt Fnd (36)	64.4	69.5	..
51.4	-0.6	Inc Fnd	47.5	50.8	9.53
59.0	-1.2	KPIP	54.7	57.8	4.90
		Lawson Securities. 63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
29.9	..	Gilt & Warrant	27.9	29.9	2.19
113.5	..	High Yield Fnd	106.5	113.5	13.70
119.9	..	Do Accum	112.9	119.9	13.70
66.8	..	Scottish Res	62.8	66.8	6.17
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
40.8	..	Dist	38.6	40.8	3.96
45.4	..	Accum	43.0	45.4	3.96
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers. 71 Lombard Street, London, EC3. 01-626 1500			
32.5	..	1st Inc	30.3	32.5	5.14
39.7	..	Do Accum	37.0	39.7	5.14
36.2	-0.1	2nd Inc	33.6	36.1	4.27
41.7	-0.2	Do Accum	38.6	41.5	4.27
53.2	-0.1	3rd Inc	49.4	53.1	7.72
62.1	-0.2	Do Accum	57.6	61.9	7.72
		M & G Securities. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
121.7	-2.7	M & G General	112.3	119.0	5.98
164.9	-3.5	Do Accum	152.1	161.2	5.98
114.0	-3.5	2nd Gen	104.2	110.5	5.80
152.8	-4.6	Do Accum	139.8	148.0	5.80
80.7	-0.8	Mid & Gen	75.6	80.1	7.59
112.9	-0.6	Do Accum	104.7	111.0	7.59
70.3	-1.8	Div Fnd	63.6	67.4	9.96
108.3	-2.8	Do Accum	99.5	105.5	9.96
83.6	-3.6	Special Trst	75.5	80.0e	5.52
95.6	-4.2	Do Accum	86.2	91.4	4.42
176.8	-6.2	Magnum Fnd	162.7	170.6e	4.56
203.1	-6.1	Do Accum	188.7	196.0	4.56
42.8	-1.5	FITS	39.0	41.3	4.07
47.0	-1.6	Do Accum	42.8	45.4	4.07
68.3	-1.9	Compound	62.6	66.4	3.73
115.8	-4.4	Recovery	105.1	111.4	8.87
47.4	-1.8	Extra Yield	43.3	45.9	11.12
51.1	-1.6	Do Accum	46.7	49.5	11.12
90.0	-1.4	Japan	85.8	91.4	0.50
40.4	-0.6	Euro & Gen	38.9	41.2	1.20
29.3	+0.1	American & Gen	27.6	29.4	2.21
46.6	-2.4	Australasian	41.8	44.3	2.15
34.5	-2.0	Far East Inc	30.5	32.5e	3.24
35.1	-2.1	Do Accum	31.0	33.0	3.24
89.9	-2.8	Trustee Fnd	81.6	86.1	7.07
142.7	-4.0	Do Accum	131.5	138.7	7.07
99.6	-5.8	Charifund* (2)	92.4	93.8	8.82
89.1	-4.8	Pension* (1)	80.0	84.3	6.34
27.8	-1.0	NAACIF	26.8	..	12.69
69.9	-2.4	Do Accum	67.5	..	12.69
39.3	-1.2	M&GConv	36.3	38.7	1.56
51.8	-1.8	Clyde Gen	47.3	50.0	6.35
62.7	-2.2	Do Accum	57.1	60.5	6.35
35.3	-1.1	Clyde High Inc	33.6	35.6	10.97
73.3	-2.2	Do Accum	67.1	71.1	10.97
		National Group of Unit Trusts. 3-5 Norwich Street, EC4. 01-831 6212			
34.4	+0.1	Century	33.2	34.5e	6.59
35.0	-0.1	Com Cons	31.1	33.1	6.50
29.6	+0.1	Domestic	27.5	29.0	8.43
41.5	..	Gas Ind Power	39.6	41.5	7.09
33.3	+0.1	Hundred Secs	[illegible]	31.4	6.61
26.3	-0.2	Int Gen	24.6	26.1	8.15
45.8	+0.1	Do 2nd Gen	43.9	45.9	5.74
38.2	-0.7	Natbils	34.8	37.5	5.22
36.6	..	Nat Cons	35.0	36.6	6.24
114.0	+0.6	Do [illegible] 2nd	109.5	114.6	4.41
56.5	-1.4	Do High Inc	52.6	55.3e	6.88
36.3	-0.8	NUFITS	33.8	[illegible]	[illegible]
57.0	-0.2	Nat Resources	53.8	56.8e	5.85
81.8	+0.7	Prov Inv Trst	[illegible]	82.5e	6.94
43.3	+0.1	Scot Units	39.6	41.6	7.06
51.4	+0.1	Security 1st	48.3	52.1	7.05
43.5	-0.4	Shamrock	41.3	43.1e	6.50
36.0	+0.3	Shield	34.5	36.3e	5.71
77.2	-0.3	Universal 2nd	73.1	76.9e	5.13
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd. 48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
34.7	-2.6	NPI Accum (15)	30.1	32.1	4.70
31.3	-2.4	Do Dist (15)	27.7	29.5	4.70
112.4	+2.2	Do O'seas Acc	108.2	114.6	4.00
112.4	+2.2	Do O'seas Dis	108.2	114.6	4.00
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers. 41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-357 8044			
46.0	-0.3	Capital	42.8	45.7	3.72
24.4	-0.1	Income	22.8	24.3e	[illegible]
30.5	-0.4	Financial	28.2	30.1	3.69
69.8	+0.3	Growth	64.2	68.5	4.72
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296 5941			
125.0	-1.0	Equity	117.0	124.0e	2.30
109.0	+0.8	Income Fund	102.7	108.8	6.74
91.7	+0.7	International	88.3	91.8	1.97
92.4	-0.1	Smaller Co's	83.0	88.3	4.48
		Norwich Union Insurance Group. PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
171.2	-12.0	Grp Tst Fnd (3)	154.1	162.2e	6.90
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 3-5 Norwich Street, EC4. 01-831 6212			
31.8	-0.4	Financial	29.6	31.4e	4.75
16.8	..	General	15.8	16.9	4.69
26.4	-0.4	Growth	25.3	26.8	6.16
24.2	+0.2	Do Accum	23.1	24.5	6.16
23.4	-0.1	High Income	[illegible]	19.5e	9.77
16.9	-0.1	Investment	15.8	16.8e	5.98
[illegible]	+0.3	Overseas	22.1	23.4	1.80
39.9	-0.1	Performance	35.6	37.9	5.05
18.9	..	Progressive	17.3	18.6	6.92
19.5	+0.1	Recovery	15.3	19.4	6.81
		Pearl-Montagu Trust Managers Ltd. 114 Old Broad St. GPO Box 525, EC2 01-588 6464			
16.6	..	Growth	15.4	16.6	5.06
17.5	+0.1	Do Accum	16.3	17.6	5.06
21.9	..	Income	[illegible]	20.9	[illegible]
21.3	..	Trust	[illegible]	21.5	[illegible]
22.3	-0.1	Do Accum	[illegible]	21.7	5.56
		Pelican Unit Administration. 81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
44.6	-0.2	Pelican	46.1	[illegible]	5.62
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 1 Love Lane, London, EC2 01-606 8744			
27.3	-0.4	Inc & Growth	25.1	27.1e	4.50
27.3	-0.1	Extra Inc	24.5	27.0e	10.50
		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd. 10 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1.			
39.8	+0.2	Portfolio Cap	38.4	40.0	2.65
52.0	..	Growth With Inc	47.4	51.0	[illegible]
34.5	+0.3	Private Port	30.0	[illegible]	4.56
33.6	+0.7	Shenley Port	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.00
		Practical Investment Co Ltd. Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
[illegible]	-1.0	Pract Inc (3)	[illegible]	94.4	4.13
134.3	-1.1	Do Accum (3)	125.4	127.2	4.13
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd. 222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
22.5	-0.6	Prolific	21.7	23.4	3.20
67.3	+0.2	Do High Inc	63.0	67.5	[illegible]
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers. Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
73.0	+0.5	Prudential	69.5	73.5	5.70
		Save & Prosper Group. 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717. Dealings to 01-554 8899. Stirling Hse, 63-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351			
		Ebor Securities.			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Universal Grwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-0.5	Capital Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Return	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Commodity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Energy	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-0.5	Prop & Build	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Select Grwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Select Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Comm Pens	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Capital	21.4	23.0	3.76
[illegible]	[illegible]	Financial Secs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Investment	16.9	18.1	4.16
[illegible]	[illegible]	Euro Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	US Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
31.5	-0.5	Scotbits	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scotfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scotgrowth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scotshares	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scotfunds	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scotincome	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd. 120 Cheapside, London, EC2.			
66.0	..	Capital (16)	63.7	68.0	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	Income (16)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-1.6	General (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-1.9	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	Europe (16)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd. 28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
31.3	-1.6	Equitable	27.9	29.7	8.40
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd. Jessel Britannia Group. 47-57 Gresham St, London, EC2. 01-600 4747			
59.0	-0.5	Brit Comm Plus	54.5	58.5	6.48
27.6	-0.4	Do General	25.3	27.2	5.81
22.7	-0.4	Extra Income	21.1	22.8	7.59
22.8	-0.4	High Income	21.6	23.2	11.81
33.4	-0.4	Jessel Capital	29.8	32.0	6.00
36.6	-0.4	Do CityofLdn	33.7	36.2e	6.38
53.4	-2.1	Do Global	47.7	51.3	4.37
166.7	+3.4	Do Gold & G	153.2	170.1	4.20
41.8	-0.4	Do Income	38.5	41.4	8.17
21.3	-0.2	Do Invest	19.8	21.1	4.56
25.6	-0.5	Do New Issue	23.4	25.1	7.11
12.7	-0.2	Do Prop & G	11.6	12.5e	4.93
38.9	-0.7	Do Plant & G	35.5	38.1	8.54
18.2	-0.2	Aust & Gen (1)	16.7	19.0e	4.59
24.2	-0.3	JL Int Cons	22.2	23.9	4.59
		Slater Walker Unit Trust Management Ltd. 47-57 Gresham St, London, EC2. 01-600 4747			
56.9	-0.6	Growth	52.6	56.3	6.03
43.7	+0.9	Assets	43.5	46.6	6.09
35.1	-0.8	Capital Accum	32.5	34.8	5.73
35.3	-0.8	Financial	33.9	36.3	5.15
49.9	+0.1	High Income	43.9	47.0	8.35
382.1	-6.0	Professional	364.8	376.1	8.35
19.6	-0.2	Status Change	18.2	19.4e	6.86
108.2	+0.8	Minerals Tst	101.3	109.0e	4.59
27.1	+0.1	North American	25.5	27.2	2.45
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers. 45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
41.8	+1.3	American	39.2	42.1	2.51
88.7	-2.4	British Cap	80.3	86.3e	4.85
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd. Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
106.0	..	Exempt Eq (39)	101.0	106.0	5.47
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
58.20	-0.40	Family Fnd	54.30	57.80	3.10
		Target Trust Managers Ltd. Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
22.5	-0.4	Consumer	21.0	22.4	5.93
46.8	+0.2	Financial	44.1	47.1	4.29
25.3	..	Equity	23.8	25.3	6.32
121.4	-5.1	Exempt*	111.0	116.1	6.59
141.0	-7.0	Do Accum (3)	129.0	134.0	6.59
20.6	+0.1	Growth	19.4	20.7e	5.16
22.6	-0.5	International	21.3	22.7	3.30
23.5	-0.4	Do Re-invest	21.6	23.1	3.30
21.2	+0.1	Investment	19.5	21.9	3.42
100.5	-2.5	Professional (3)	94.1	98.0e	5.89
16.8	-0.5	Income	15.1	16.2	8.50
12.5	+0.1	Preference	11.8	12.6	13.28
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd. 19 Athol Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
21.1	-0.2	Eagle	19.6	20.9	3.73
26.2	-0.3	Thistle	24.5	26.2	7.63
..	..	Claymore Fnd	35.6	37.9	[illegible]
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
25.9	-0.1	General	24.3	25.2	5.22
30.9	-0.3	Do Accum	29.1	30.5	5.22
41.9	-3.0	Scottish	38.4	41.3	3.62
48.9	-3.0	Do Accum	[illegible]	45.9	3.62
		Transatlantic & General Securities Co. 99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
55.7	-2.4	Barbican (4)	49.9	53.3	5.73
74.0	-3.1	Do Accum	63.3	70.9	5.73
127.0	+4.9	Barrington Fnd	116.6	122.1	6.48
127.0	-4.9	Do Accum	116.6	122.1	6.48
67.1	-3.3	Buckingham (4)	59.1	63.8	4.17
73.4	-3.6	Do Accum	65.5	70.8	4.17
84.5	..	Colemco	80.3	84.5	4.66
91.5	..	Do Accum	87.0	91.5	4.66
45.1	-2.4	Glen Fund (2)	37.7	40.3	5.95
45.1	-2.5	Do Accum	42.4	45.3	5.95
76.6	..	G'chester (4)	73.1	76.6	3.94
41.6	-2.3	Ldn & Brus'ls*	38.0	40.6	[illegible]
41.9	-2.3	Marlborough	39.9	41.9	[illegible]
46.5	-2.4	Do Accum	42.3	46.5	[illegible]
56.3	-4.8	Merlin (1)	49.1	51.5	5.95
62.3	-5.4	Do Accum	54.3	57.1	5.95
39.2	-1.8	Merlin Yield	34.6	36.4	9.12
42.9	-2.1	Do Accum	38.3	40.8	9.12
36.1	-3.6	Vanguard (2)	30.9	33.1e	4.30
42.0	-4.1	Do Accum	35.4	37.8	4.30
44.0	-2.2	Wickmoor	39.9	41.5e	5.61
43.3	-2.4	Do Accum	42.8	44.9	5.61
		Trident Funds. Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd. 140 South St, Dorking. Dorking 86441			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Performance	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.03
[illegible]	-0.3	Income Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.53
[illegible]	-0.3	10% Withdraws	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
45.9	-0.5	Int Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-0.9	AmerGrwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Tyndall Managers Ltd. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
70.9	-1.4	Income	66.0	69.4	[illegible]
101.4	-1.8	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-4.4	Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-5.2	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-3.0	Canynge Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-3.2	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	Exempt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	Local Auth*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	-8.4	Int Earn Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
160.6	-6.0	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Tyndall National & Commercial. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
[illegible]	..	Income (23)	95.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
85.4	..	Capital (23)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
96.0	..	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Unit Trust Account & Management. 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
97.0	..	Friars Hse Fnd	92.0	97.0	[illegible]
16.8	..	Gt Winchester	15.5	16.4	[illegible]
13.4	..	Do Overseas	12.4	13.4	[illegible]

Insurance Bonds and Funds

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
		Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd. 190 Strand, London, WC2R 1DT			
[illegible]	-1.4	Equity Trst (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-1.1	Do Accum (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
103.1	+0.2	Money Fd Unit	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
104.4	+0.2	Pension Sec	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
107.1	+0.1	Do Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-1.6	Sel Inv (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-1.4	Do Pen (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	..	Prop Units (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	..	Do Accum (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	..	Do Pen (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	+0.2	Conv Bnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd. 31 Old Burlington Street, W1.			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Guar Mon Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	+0.1	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-5.5	Equity Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-5.8	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fixed Int Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	+0.1	Mult Inv Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-2.6	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-3.6	Guar Mon Pen	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	+0.1	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-0.2	Property Pen	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-0.1	Fixed Int Pen	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-0.1	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-3.1	Mult Inv Pen	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-3.6	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd. Pavilion Bldgs, Brighton.			
111.6	-0.8	Trust Man Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		Atlantic Assurance. Atlantic Hse, Billingshurst, Sussex.			
[illegible]	..	All-Weather Ac	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	..	Do Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	..	Investment Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	..	Pension Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co. Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7.			
81.5	..	Barclaybonds	[illegible]	81.3	..
		Canada Life Assurance. 6 Charles II St, London, SW1.			
[illegible]	..	Equity Grwth	45.0	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	..	Retirement	88.5	[illegible]	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd. 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB.			
[illegible]	-0.25	Equity Units	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-3.0	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-2.0	Do Annuity	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	..	Prop Units	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	..	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-0.10	Exec Bal	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-0.28	Exec Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	..	Exec Prop	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-0.01	Bal Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	-0.17	Equity Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	..	Prop Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
9.39	-0.10	Bal Units	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society. 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664. Valuation last working day of month.			
65.4	..	1st Units	62.2	65.4	..
45.8	..	Prop Units	[illegible]	45.8	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co. 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664. Valuation last working day of month.			
42.0	-0.5	W'minster Units	39.6	41.5	..
37.2	..	Land Bank	37.2	..	..
35.1	-0.9	Speculator	33.1	..	..
134.6	..	Prop Annuity	132.0	134.6	..
107.3	+0.3	Inv Option Bnd	102.3	107.6	..
34.2	..	Equity Fnd	32.5	34.2	..
		2nd Managed Fund.			
113.9	-1.2	Performance	112.7	..	..
121.0	-0.2	Balanced	114.8	120.8	..
100.0	..	Guarantee	100.0	..	..
		Commercial Union Group. St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
28.0	-1.0	Variable An Acc	27.0	..	..
11.6	-0.1	Do Ann	11.5	..	..
		Cornhill Insurance. 32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410. Valuation 15th of month.			
99.5	..	Capital Fnd	99.5	..	..
39.5	..	GS Special	39.5	..	..
109.0	+2.0	Man Grwth (23)	105.0	111.0	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co. Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
107.3	..	Crown Brit Inv	107.3	..	..
		Crusader Insurance. Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031. Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.			
55.5	..	Crusader Prop	58.0	55.5	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance. PO Box 173, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
32.2	-0.2	Eagle Units	30.5	32.0	5.30
32.2	-0.2	Midland Units	30.5	32.0	5.30
		Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd. 30 Charles II St, SW1. 01-930 2404			
43.1	+0.7	Am Grth Fnd (1)	41.6	43.8	..
21.2	..	Flexible Fnd	20.1	21.2	..
43.8	..	Trst of Trsts	42.2	43.8	..
46.3	..	Do Cap	44.0	46.3	..
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group. Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
135.6	-3.7	Prop Bond	125.8	132.1	..
93.3	..	Pen Man Bonds	90.5	95.3	..
		Hambro Life Assurance. 7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
110.3	+0.1	Fixed Int Fnd	104.8	110.4	..
110.5	-3.8	Equity	101.1	106.5	..
122.5	+0.1	Property	116.3	122.6	..
101.9	-0.3	Managed Cap	92.7	99.4	..
114.5	-2.3	Do Accum	105.3	112.0	..
139.2	-2.1	Pen Prop Cap	129.2	136.1	..
158.8	-2.2	Do Accum	148.7	156.6	..
136.1	-2.2	Pen Man Cap	127.2	133.9	..
156.4	-2.3	Do Accum	146.3	154.1	..
111.3	+0.1	Pen Fi Cap	105.8	111.4	..
115.7	+0.4	Do Accum	110.3	116.1	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society. Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
29.7	..	Prop Bond	27.9	29.7	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd. NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
121.9	+0.9	HS Prop Units	116.9	122.8	..
107.4	-3.3	Fortune Man (8)	98.8	104.1	..
105.7	+0.3	Money Fnd	100.6	106.0	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd. 114-116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42877			
41.1	+0.2	Hodge Bonds	39.2	41.3	..
50.7	-0.2	Takeover	48.0	50.5	..
25.0	..	Hodge Life Eq	23.7	25.0	..
25.0	..	Mortgage Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
25.0	..	Conv High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
25.0	..	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd. 45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT. 0323 36711			
94.2	-0.5	Equities	88.7	93.4	..
124.3	-1.1	Fixed Int	118.8	125.0	..
113.2	-1.0	Managed	107.1	112.8	..
108.1	..	Property	102.6	108.7	..
104.4	+0.7	MoneyFund	99.2	104.5	..
114.2	+0.2	King & Shaxson	112.1	114.4	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance. 9 Devereux Court, London, WC2. 01-353 5897			
74.6	..	Lion Equity	74.6	..	..
98.4	..	Do Accum	88.4	..	..
51.3	..	Lion Man Grwth	48.8	51.3	..
45.3	..	Do Cap	42.9	45.3	..
55.0	..	Lion Prop Fnd	55.0	..	..
55.6	..	Lion High Yield	55.6	..	..
95.2	..	Do Equity Pen	95.2	..	..
57.9	..	Do Prop Pen	57.9	..	..
64.6	..	Do H Yld Pen	64.6	..	..
		Irish Life Assurance. 11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
144.2	..	Prop Modules	137.7	144.9	5.20
124.2	..	Managed Fnd	118.0	124.2	..
49.2	..	Blue Chip Fnd	46.8	49.3	4.30
		Langham Life Assurance. Mitchell Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8881			
106.5	..	Property Bnd	101.2	106.5	..
22.4	..	Spec Prop Fnd	21.3	22.4	..
48.3	..	Midas Bond (34)	45.9	48.3	..
45.9	..	Capital Accum	45.9	..	..
54.1	..	WISP (SpecMan)	51.4	54.1	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd. 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
30.0	..	Secure Ret	28.0	30.0	..
24.0	-2.0	Select Inv	21.5	23.0	..
20.5	-0.5	Do 2nd	18.5	20.0	..
25.5	+0.5	Gilt Fnd	24.0	26.0	..
20.0	-0.5	Equity Fnd	18.0	19.5	..
104.5	+0.5	Deposit Fnd	99.0	105.0	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd. 12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS. 01-623 6621			
12.4	..	Mult Growth Fnd	..	12.4	..
95.2	-7.7	Opt 4 Equity	87.8	92.5	..
[illegible]	..	Do Property	101.1	106.5	..
[illegible]	+5.5	Do High Yield	106.2	111.8	..
[illegible]	..	Do Managed	101.4	106.8	..
102.0	+0.1	Do Deposit	99.5	105.1	..
[illegible]	..	Pen Dep Fnd	105.2	110.8	..
[illegible]	..	Do Equity Fnd	139.1	146.5	..
[illegible]	..	Do FI Fnd	117.8	124.1	..
[illegible]	..	Do Man Fnd	117.2	123.4	..
107.8	..	Do Prop Fnd	102.4	107.8	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance. Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101			
25.2	-0.2	Manulife (5)	24.7	26.0	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance. 125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
107.5	-0.1	Conv Dep Bnd	107.6	..	..
104.6	-0.2	Do Pension	104.6	..	..
[illegible]	..	Equity Bond	[illegible]	..	..
114.8	..	Do Pension	114.8	..	..
[illegible]	+0.7	Managed Bond	82.0	..	..
[illegible]	..	Do Pension	89.3	..	..
117.9	-0.6	Money Market	117.3	..	..
122.9	-0.9	Do Pension	122.1	..	..
[illegible]	..	Property Bond	98.4	..	..
94.4	..	Do Pension	94.4	..	..
		M & G Assurance. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
[illegible]	-3.7	Equity Bond (4)	83.5	..	..
62.2	-3.0	Do Bonus	59.2	..	..
[illegible]	-1.8	IntT Bnd (6)	65.2	..	..
109.2	-0.1	Fam Bnd 1978	108.4	..	..
[illegible]	-3.6	Do 1977-80	89.5	..	..
[illegible]	-3.6	Do 1981-86	85.8	..	..
93.0	-2.4	Managed Bonds	85.0	90.2	..
40.0	-1.3	Mirror Bonds	38.7	..	..
114.7	-3.2	Pers Pen (5)	108.2	111.5	..
104.7	+0.1	Prop Fnd (4)	104.5	109.8	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group. PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
112.3	+2.9	Norwich Man (3)	112.6	118.6	..
155.8	-10.4	Do Equity (3)	149.0	156.8	..
101.1	+0.2	Do Prop (3)	96.0	101.1	..
[illegible]	+0.2	Do Fix Int (3)	96.0	101.1	..
102.9	..	Do Units (38)	102.9	..	..
		Pearl-Montagu Assurance. 252 High Holborn, London, EC1.			
[illegible]	+0.4	Prop Units	92.9	100.1	..
		Phoenix Assurance. 4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
[illegible]	-2.7	Wealth Ass Bnd	72.9	76.8	..
47.1	..	Ebor Ass Th	47.1	..	..
[illegible]	..	Ebor Endow (2)	48.0	50.4	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co. 119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
163.3	..	R Silk Prop Bnd	163.3	..	..
[illegible]	..	Do Bal Ag Bnd	101.1	..	..
[illegible]	..	Do Series (2)	96.4	..	..
[illegible]	..	Do Managed	73.2	..	..
[illegible]	..	Do Equity Bnd	90.3	..	..
[illegible]	..	Do Flex Mny	109.2	..	..
		Property Growth Assurance. [illegible] Bridge Rd, SE1 7JP. 01-928 0381			
[illegible]	..	Prop Growth (29)	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	..	Ag Bond (29)	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	..	Ab Nat Pr (29)	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	..	Shenley Inv (29)	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	+1.4	Do Equity	122.1	..	..
[illegible]	+0.1	Do Money	109.2	..	..
[illegible]	..	Ret Annuity (29)	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	..	Immed Ann (33)	[illegible]	..	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd. Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
£12.65	..	Equity	£12.32	12.91	..
11.91	..	Fixed Int	11.81	12.01	..
16.63	..	Property	16.63	17.21	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd. Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
128.6	+0.6	Rel Prop Bnd	128.6	..	..
		Save & Prosper Group. 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP.			
[illegible]	-1.8	Bal Bnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
83.9	-1.4	Equity Bnd	78.3	82.5	..
19.1	-1.7	Mini Bond (4)	15.5	17.4	..
102.0	..	Prop Fnd (30)	96.9	102.0	..
		Schroder Life Group. 18-24 Maltravers St, WC2.			
104.4	..	Fixed Interest	99.1	104.4	..
[illegible]	..	Flexible Fnd	81.3	85.5	..
128.8	..	Equity Fnd	128.8	..	..
135.6	-7.2	Do 2nd Ser	121.9	128.4	..
121.0	..	PenFndCap	118.8	123.0	..
129.0	..	PenFndAccum	122.5	129.0	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance. 9 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh.			
249.2	..	Inv Policy	241.9	249.2	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co. PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971			
77.0	..	Unit Endow't	77.0	..	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd. 2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400			
112.8	..	Maple Leaf (3)	112.8	..	..
119.3	..	Personal Pens	119.3	..	..
		Target Life Assurance. Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
104.4	+0.1	Deposit Inc	99.1	104.3	..
113.6	-1.6	Fixed Interest	106.0	112.0	..
84.6	-1.8	Man Fnd Acc	80.0	83.0	..
90.0	-1.7	Do Income	84.5	88.3	..
96.0	..	Prop Bnd Inv	88.0	..	..
94.2	..	Do Income	88.0	94.2	..
93.6	..	Do Accum	88.0	..	..
46.8	+0.2	Ret Ann Pen Cap	43.1	46.0	..
49.9	-0.6	Do Accum	46.2	49.3	..
		Trident Life. Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541			
107.5	-0.8	Trident Man	101.2	106.7	..
124.1	-2.7	Do Guar Man	118.3	121.4	..
111.5	+0.5	Do Property	106.3	112.0	..
81.5	-0.3	Do Equity	76.7	80.8	..
117.7	-1.0	Do High Yield	108.2	114.1	..
106.6	+0.2	Do Money	101.4	106.8	..
104.0	..	DoFiscalFnd	98.0	104.0	..
40.5	-0.5	Do Bonds	37.5	40.0	..
82.50	-0.30	Gilt Edged (1)	82.50	..	..
		Tyndall Assurance. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
84.8	..	Prop Fnd (19)	84.8	..	..
90.8	..	3 Way Fnd (19)	90.8	..	..
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd. 41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923			
114.4	+0.6	Equity Fnd	109.3	115.0	..
107.6	+0.1	Fixed Int Fnd	102.2	107.7	..
107.1	+0.1	Property Fnd	102.3	107.7	..
103.7	+0.1	Managed Cash	98.6	103.8	..
93.3	+0.2	Managed Fnd	88.8	93.4	..
		Welfare Insurance. The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
117.8	-3.7	Capital Grwth	114.1	..	..
81.5	-2.7	Flexible Fnd	78.8	..	..
85.5	-2.6	Inv Fnd	81.0	..	..
85.4	-4.2	Prop Fnd	79.2	..	..
79.6	-3.5	Money Maker	76.1	..	..

Offshore and International Funds

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd. PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 37806			
70.1	..	Europ'n Ster	66.3	70.1e	[illegible]
		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd. Church St, St Helier, Jersey.			
44.7	-0.2	Int Guar O'seas	42.3	44.5	12.12
		Barclays Unicorn International (I.O.M.) Ltd. 30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
52.7	-1.1	Aust Ext Tst	48.2	51.6	3.60
21.6	-0.9	Aust Min Tst	19.4	20.7	2.60
45.8	+0.7	Isle of Man Tst	45.5	47.8	8.10
25.0	-0.5	Manx Mutual	22.7	24.3e	2.40
		Brandts & Grindlay (Jersey) Ltd. PO Box 80, Broad St, St Helier.			
106.0	-6.0	Brandt Jersey	94.0	100.0	7.30
125.0	-7.0	Do Accum	111.0	118.0	6.08
		Brandts Ltd. 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
56.57	..	O'seas Fnd	$ 56.57	..	..
		Calvin Bullock Ltd. 60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-283 5433			
771.0	-10.0	Bullock Fnd	667.0	781.0	2.37
682.8	-13.8	Canadian Fnd	557.0	632.8e	1.95
314.0	-7.0	Canadian Inv	287.0	307.0	2.38
202.0	-5.0	Div Shares	173.0	189.0	2.42
677.0	-5.0	Ny Venture Fnd	567.0	672.0	..
		Capital Trust (Jersey) Ltd. 1 Brand Street, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 20391			
79.7	..	Red Part Pref	76.0	79.7	0.63
		Charterhouse Japhet. 1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999			
29.90	+0.30	Adiropa	DM 29.80	31.10	7.60
53.30	+0.30	Adiverba	DM 51.00	53.80	6.61
32.40	+0.50	Fondak	DM 31.30	33.00	6.82
23.60	+0.20	Fondis	DM 22.60	23.80	7.56
42.00	+0.30	Gen O'seas	Swfr 40.00	43.50	3.91
69.06	-0.41	Hispano	$ 65.73	69.05	1.07
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd. PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters Port Guernsey			
144.0	..	Int Cap Man (20)	132.0	144.0	..
		Ebor Management (Jersey). 37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 20591			
164.4	-2.3	Channel Cap	151.6	161.7e	2.83
95.2	-2.5	Channel Isles	89.0	93.7e	4.12
		Eurosyndicat Group. Agents, N. M. Rothschild and Sons. New Ct, St Swithin's Lane, EC4. 01-626 4356			
1,633	..	Furinlan Luxfr	1,570	1,633	3.51
291.0	..	Fin Union Luxfr	280.0	291.0	6.19
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. Telex GK 215			
1.26	..	Bishopsgte N.A.	1.21	1.26	..
		Keystone Funds of Boston. 79 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1157			
172.0	..	Polaris	160.0	172.0	..
289.0	..	K'stone Growth	275.0	289.0	..
		Lamont Investment Management Ltd. 8 St Georges St, Douglas, I.O.M. Douglas 4682			
23.7	-1.1	Int Income (3)	20.3	21.6	10.00
		Manx International Management. 30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
109.3	+0.4	Gtr Pacific	102.6	109.7	..
45.7	-3.7	Manx Int Inc	41.0	44.0e	7.70
76.0	..	Sch Growth (27)	75.2	76.0	..
		M & G Group. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
81.6	-1.8	Island Fnd*	74.8	77.2e	5.04
101.4	-3.6	Do Accum†	94.8	97.8	5.04
1.38	-0.06	Atlantic Exp	$ 1.37	1.52	..
1.38	-0.09	Aust & Gen	$ 1.43	1.47	..
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd. PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26331			
38.3	..	Old Ct Eq (34)	35.2	37.3	0.72
98.2	..	Old Ct Int (35)	93.3	99.2	..
91.3	..	Smaller Co's	85.8	91.3	2.05
		Oliver Heath & Co. 31 Malew St, Castletown, I.O.M. 0624 823768			
110.4	-1.0	Brit Conv Tst	102.0	109.6e	14.00
108.0	..	Conv Rights Tst	100.7	108.0	12.00
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. Telex GK 245			
150.8	..	Gib Inv Tst	139.8	150.5	5.70
[illegible]	..	Key City Inv	74.0	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	..	Warrant Fnd	64.7	68.8	..
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The Vereeniging Estates Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

Extracts from the Review by the chairman, Mr. W. G. Boustred

The group taxed profit attributable to our company for 1974 was, at R5 877 000, 15 per cent or R748 000 higher than in 1973 and was equivalent to earnings of 214 cents a stock unit compared with 187 cents. The improvement in group profits is attributable to the increased profits of The Coronation Collieries Limited and its subsidiary Vryheid Coronation Limited and to the inclusion of the attributable profits of South African Coal Estates (Witbank) Limited, which became a subsidiary during the year.

The company's own taxed profit increased from R3 106 000 to R3 377 000, mainly as a result of higher dividend income from Coronation Collieries and a maiden dividend from Anglo Power Collieries (Proprietary) Limited.

The improvement in profits enabled the board to declare a higher final dividend, bringing the total dividends for 1974 to 115 cents a stock unit compared with 110 cents for 1973.

The group retained profits for the year amounted to R1 438 000 all but R214 000 of which was retained in the subsidiary companies which are committed to major capital expenditure programmes.

Investments

The value of the company's investments at the year end, taking quoted investments at market value and unquoted investments at book value, was R37.8 million compared with R47.2 million at the end of 1973. This decline of 20 per cent reflects the general decline in prices of non-gold shares on The Johannesburg Stock Exchange over the last 12 months together with the writing down by R983 000 of certain listed and unlisted investments against general reserve.

During 1974 we acquired a further 575 089 shares in South African Coal Estates mainly through that company's rights issue, and we now hold 62 per cent of its issued capital. The company's other major operating subsidiaries are Amalgamated Collieries of South Africa Limited and its wholly owned subsidiary Springfield Collieries Limited, Coronation Collieries and its subsidiary, Vryheid Coronation and Vereeniging Refractories Limited. We have now increased our stake in Anglo Power Collieries from 14.7 per cent to 15.4 per cent by participation in the underwriting of two rights issues by that company. I am pleased to report that Anglo Power Collieries paid a maiden dividend of one cent a share during the year.

Mining and industrial interests

The attributable equity earnings of Vereeniging Refractories and those companies in which it holds more than one half of the equity share capital dropped by R126 000 during 1974 to R2 268 000.

In my last review I referred to the additional plant needed to meet the new requirements of the steel industry. This plant was commissioned towards the end of the year and contracts for the supply of high quality imported raw materials have been concluded which will improve the position during 1975. In the long term the company is investigating projects to solve the magnesite supply problem by the installation of a seawater magnesia plant or a chemical plant for the upgrading of local low grade magnesite.

The group taxed profit attributable to Coronation Collieries in 1974 was R2 165 000, an increase of 52 per cent above the total of R1 424 000 earned in the previous year.

Assisted both by an increase in the controlled price of bituminous coal and by premiums earned on the export of high grade steam coal, the operating profit of the company's Bank colliery recovered well to a total of R652 000 for the year, 47 per cent higher than the previous year.

Coronation Collieries, through The Transvaal Coal Owners Association (1923) (Proprietary) Limited (TCOA); has been successful in securing export contracts for the sale of low ash coal from Bank colliery. Supplies to Japan, at a rate of 500 000 long tons a year, have been offered and accepted for a ten year period commencing 1st October 1976. A further 250 000 long tons a year are to be supplied to Western Europe, starting in January 1977. It is expected that limited further sales contracts will be concluded in due course. The necessary plant and other facilities at Bank colliery will involve an estimated capital outlay of R15.5 million to completion. Plans for the financing of this expenditure are nearing finality. These continue to include the possibility of a rights issue to shareholders during the current year.

World wide demand for low ash metallurgical coal has remained sustained and strong, with major price advances having been made during 1974. Since the proposed export coal has been priced in relation to estimates of future world prices, the directors of Coronation Collieries are confident that this project will substantially improve the company's present profitability.

As was forecast in my last review, operations at Vryheid Coronation, Coronation Collieries' subsidiary, resulted in improved profits during 1974. In fact taxed profits rose by 43 per cent to R2 389 000 and dividend declarations increased by four cents to 13 cents a share. The coke supply contracts with the South African Iron and Steel Industrial Corporation Limited (Iscor) terminated on 31st July 1974 and the beehive batteries, which previously accounted for 28 per cent of total coke production, were closed down soon afterwards. Production continues solely from the more efficient retort plant which has a capacity of approximately 432 000 tons a year and meets the coke demands of the private sector. Vryheid Coronation has made satisfactory arrangements with Iscor for the supply to it of surplus coking coal and coke for their Newcastle plant. Some export contracts, which materially contributed to last year's profits, continue into the current year. Subject to unforeseen circumstances, the company expects profits in 1975 to continue at about the same level as the past year.

During the year Springfield Collieries became a wholly owned subsidiary of Amalgamated Collieries when the remaining one per cent of issued capital which it did not already hold was acquired by Amalgamated. Springfield experienced adverse mining conditions during the year which led to a drop in production and a deterioration in coal quality which attracted severe penalties under its contract with Escom. These factors led to the consolidated taxed profit of Amalgamated at R1 288 000 being 21 per cent lower than the R1 634 000 achieved in 1973, although Amalgamated itself increased its taxed profits marginally. Despite the drop in profits, dividends were maintained at 40 cents a share. Everything possible is being done to remedy the situation and profitability is expected to be restored to 1973 levels in the current year.

As mentioned above, our investment in Springbok Colliery has been exchanged for new shares in South African Coal Estates (S.A.C.E.). This exchange took place in terms of an offer made by S.A.C.E. to the shareholders in Springbok as a result of which Springbok became a wholly owned subsidiary of S.A.C.E., which in turn is a subsidiary of our company. S.A.C.E. has now changed its financial year end to 31st December to accord with that of our company.

S.A.C.E. group taxed profit for the 18 months ended 31st December 1974 was R2 790 000, equivalent to earnings of 133 cents a share during the eighteen months period or 89 cents a share on an annual basis. In the previous year to 30th June 1973, prior to the acquisition of Springbok, S.A.C.E.'s taxed profit was R755 000, equal to earnings of 75 cents a share on the then smaller capital. Dividends declared over the eighteen months totalled 60 cents a share, at a cost of R1 298 000.

In addition to the existing business of supplying bituminous coal to the South African market and blend coking coal to Iscor, S.A.C.E. is committed, from April 1976, to increase its existing supplies of No. 2 seam low ash coal for export to certain Japanese steel mills from 100 000 to 985 000 tons a year. This export commitment will last for 11 years, from 1976 to 1987, and forms a large part of the major contract totalling 27 million tons which the TCOA entered into with Japan in 1971.

The revised estimate of capital cost to S.A.C.E. of the export project to completion, additional to the R2 435 000 previously reported, is R16 490 000. This expenditure will be financed out of the 1974 rights issue already referred to, out of retained earnings and also by way of medium term loans. A loan of R3 million is being negotiated with the National Finance Corporation of South Africa. Arrangements have also been made with Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Limited for the company's remaining loan requirements, estimated to peak at R6 000 000 at the end of 1975, to be suitably covered.

Springbok's sales output during 1974 was marginally lower than in 1973. Taxed profits were, however, marginally higher at R1 057 000 and the company paid an unchanged dividend of 13.5 cents a share, at a cost of R648 000. Following an approach from Iscor, the company is negotiating the sale of additional quantities of coking coal to that Corporation. This project will, if it proceeds, involve an estimated capital cost of R3 250 000. Anglo American Corporation has agreed in principle to make appropriate loan facilities available.

In general terms, S.A.C.E. is embarked on a major expansion plan, while Springbok also faces a growth opportunity on a smaller scale. Until increased revenue begins to flow from these projects, S.A.C.E.'s existing annual dividend of 40 cents a share is unlikely to be increased. However, substantial increases in earnings and dividends are in prospect.

During the year it became apparent that the contract between Arnot division of Anglo Power Collieries and Escom was being severely affected by the unprecedented levels of inflation to the detriment of the company's profitability. Representations in this regard have been made to Escom and negotiations are in progress. The principles of the Kriel division contract with Escom have been renegotiated on the basis of a combined underground and opencast operation with maximum extraction methods to be applied in the underground mine but the final details of the contract remain under discussion. Escom is expected to commission the first of its 500 MW generating sets at Kriel by December 1975. During 1974 Anglo Power Collieries raised R4 025 000 by a rights issue from its shareholders and raised another R10 000 000 during January 1975. Our company has taken up its rights in these issues. A further R8 500 000 is to be raised from shareholders during 1975 and it is expected that this will be the last call on shareholders for equity in respect of Anglo Power Collieries' Arnot and Kriel divisions as presently constituted.

At Kriel the development of the underground mine is on schedule and production on a regular basis will begin in May 1975.

Future prospects

During the year 1974 the sales output from collieries in the Republic totalled 64.6 million tons of coal compared with 61.5 million tons in 1973. This increase of five per cent is disappointing and did not march up to the industry's expectations. The tonnage delivered reflects not only a frustrated consumer demand from those oil users who wished to accede to the Government's appeal to switch to coal, but also the reduction in output resulting from two major difficulties: firstly, the shortage of underground loading labour at labour intensive collieries and, secondly, the inability of the railways to move all the coal capable of being produced by the mines.

Wages paid to Black workers on the collieries have been kept in step with those paid by the gold mining industry in the Republic. These wages were raised significantly during 1974 and will continue to be improved during the current year. Despite these increases in the real wages of the Black workers employed at the collieries, we have experienced periods of shortage of labour during the year, particularly amongst the underground loaders, which latter group of workers make a direct contribution to the level of production at labour intensive collieries. The collieries with whom your company is associated have for some time been taking steps to improve the living standards of their Black workers and these efforts will be maintained within the financial capabilities of the companies concerned. I must, however, emphasise that if the collieries are to attract and retain the labour they need then the cost will inevitably be significant and must, finally, be reflected in the price of coal to the consumer.

During November 1974, I was informed by the Secretary for Commerce that a recommendation in principle, subject to important conditions, had been made to Ministers that a permit for the export of 100 million metric tons of coal over a period of 20 years be issued to Anglo American Corporation. In addition to the above, the same recommendation was made in favour of the TCOA; the Anglo American Corporation Group collieries have an interest of about one-quarter in the TCOA trade. While studies are continuing with regard to the exploitation of these export permits it is clear that our company, having substantial investments in the majority of the Anglo American Corporation Group collieries, will benefit from these new export opportunities. This interest is, of course, additional to the export business already referred to above in respect of our subsidiary companies.

At a time when capital and working costs are escalating at a pace beyond the previous experience of those engaged in the industry we are being called upon to make major additions to our investments. The industry is, however, not as strong as it should be in relation to the fact that the Republic derives 75 per cent of its total energy from coal. The coal industry is suffering from a cash flow problem in that sales to the local market carry a selling price based on the historical cost of capital works which therefore bears no relationship to the real value of coal or the cost of new capital works and is thus inadequate to support the expansion of coal mining capacity. I believe that the industry needs to attract new equity investment and that this can only be accomplished if the returns from local sales are improved. You will appreciate that this price increase is also necessary if we are to finance mechanisation in many of the existing collieries, improve hostel accommodation and pay higher wages to our Black workers.

Our company became a borrower during 1974 and at the year end R2 224 000 was owed to Anglo American Corporation on loan account. I am pleased to inform you that that Corporation has agreed to make further loan monies available to our company during 1975; these funds will enable us to take up our investment opportunities but do not provide us with a long term solution to the financing of our company, to which I shall be giving further consideration during the current year.

I believe that the Government is giving most serious consideration to the problems that face our industry and I look forward to decisions in the near future that will place us on a sound footing. In these circumstances I have confidence in the future of the coal industry in general and our company in particular.

The 76th annual general meeting of The Vereeniging Estates Limited will be held in Johannesburg on 22nd April, 1975. Copies of this review and of the annual report are obtainable from The London Office of the Company at 40 Holborn Viaduct, EC1P 1AJ, or from the transfer secretaries, Charter Consolidated Limited, P.O. Box 102, Charter House, Park Street, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8EQ.

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	Index No.	Div. Yield	Earnings Yield	Change over week
The Times Industrial Share Index	115.08	7.84	16.35	+1.16
Largest Coys.	117.72	7.80	16.37	+1.11
Smaller Coys.	110.09	8.41	17.37	[illegible]
Capital Goods	117.75	8.21	16.81	[illegible]
Consumer Goods	120.75	7.84	[illegible]	[illegible]
Store Shares	106.59	7.81	[illegible]	[illegible]
Largest financial shares	149.19	6.10	—	[illegible]
Largest financial and industrial shares	120.33	7.12	—	[illegible]
Commodity shares	149.33	4.97	32.5	-0.21
Gold Mining shares	603.17	5.21	[illegible]	[illegible]
Industrial debenture stocks	77.17	7.06*	—	[illegible]
Industrial preference stocks	52.94	13.50*	—	[illegible]
3½% War Loan	20¾	[illegible]	—	[illegible]

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	195.17 [illegible]	[illegible]
1975	[illegible]	[illegible]
1974	[illegible]	[illegible]
1973	[illegible]	[illegible]
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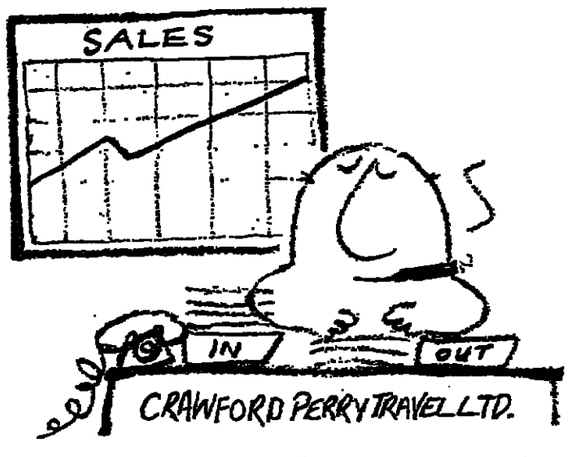
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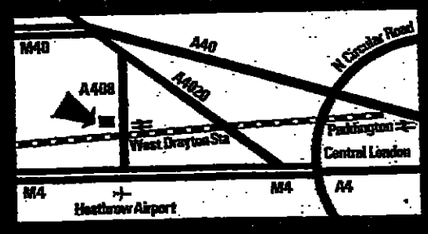
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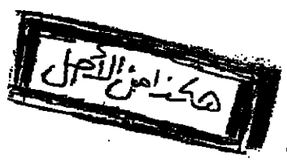
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Broadcasting

Reunion (BBC1 10.15) seems a good idea, if it does not become too congratulatory. Take three people who shared some experience, and get them to talk. Jo Grimond, William Douglas-Home and Brian Johnston chat about their time at Eton. Edward the Seventh (ITV 9.0) is the much-heralded series on England's monarch, and Shang A Lang (ITV 4.25) stars the current scream-making pop group Bay City Rollers. There is a tribute to W. H. Auden in the Book Programme (BBC2 8.35). Cary Grant is extremely funny in Talk of the Town (BBC2 9.0), and Charlton Heston at his best in the excellent cowboy film Will Penny (ITV 7.0). Lothersdale: An Image of England (BBC1 9.25) visits a forgotten corner of the country.—T.S.

BBC 1

10.00 am, Tin Tin. 10.05, White Horses.* 10.30-10.55, Keepers of Wildlife, Film. 12.30 pm, Pipar bop. 12.55, News. 1.0, Pebble Mill. 1.45, Ring-a-Ding. 1.50—2.00, Boris the Bold.

4.00, Play School. 4.25, Huckleberry Hound. 4.30, Pixie and Dixie. 4.35, Jackanory. 4.50, Valley of the Dinosaurs. 5.15, Vision On: Litter. 5.40, Magic Roundabout.

5.45, News. 6.00, Nationwide.*

6.50 The Little House on the Prairie.

7.40 The Italian Way.

8.10 The Rockford Files.

9.00 News. 9.25 Lothersdale: An Image of England: Documentary.

10.15 Reunion (new series).

10.45 Midweek.

11.28 Weather.

*Black and White.

Regional variations (BBC1):

BBC WALES.—12.30-12.55 pm, Transmitters closedown. 5.15-5.40, Bilidowcar. 6.00-6.50, Wales Today, Nationwide. 6.50-7.10, Heddiw. 7.10-7.40, Hyn o Fyd. 10.15-10.45, Sports Line Up: 1976 Winter Olympic Games; 1975 FA Cup with Clive Thomas; and Basketball, four nations' tournament. 11.28, News of Wales. SCOTLAND.—12.30-12.55 pm, Transmitters closedown. 6.00-6.50, Reporting Scotland, Nationwide. 10.45-11.05, Churchill's People. 11.05-11.29, Scope, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND.—10.00-10.30 am, Benson and Hedges Circuit of Ireland. 12.30-12.55 pm, Transmitters closedown. 6.00-6.50, Scene Around Six, Nationwide. 10.15-10.45, Gallery. 11.28, Northern Ireland News Headlines. ENGLAND.—10.15-10.45 pm, North, Food for Thought; North West, The other Man's Shoes; North East, Rates; Midlands, Designer's Eye, Sir Gordon Russell; West, Avon County Council; South-West, Question Time; South, Report South; East Anglia, Best of the Bunch.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School

7.30 pm Newsday.

7.45 The Great Match: 1969 Open Golf Championship won by Tony Jacklin.

8.35 Book Programme including tribute to W. H. Auden.

9.00 Film, Talk of the Town, with Cary Grant, Jean Arthur, Ronald Colman.*

10.55 News.

11.25-11.30, Cyril Cusack reads April Rise, by Laurie Lee.

Border

10.35 am, Yoga for Health. 10.55, Felix the Cat. 11.05, Here Comes the Future. 11.30, Brass Rubbing. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Border News. 1.30, Shirley's world. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Jason King. 3.55, Thames. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, ATV. 7.10, McCloud. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Border News.

Grampian

11.00 am, Farmhouse Kitchen. 11.30, Brass Rubbing. 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, One Northern Summer. 1.00, News. 1.20, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, ATV. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, London—the Making of a City. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Skippy. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.10, Country Focus. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, New Who Do You Do? 7.30, Cartoon. 7.35, McMillan and Wife. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Prayers.

Tyne Tees

10.30 am, Starting Point. 10.35, Ed Allen. 10.55, Cartoon. 11.05, Technoflash. 11.30, Brass Rubbing. 12.00, Thames. 1.30 pm, Lot's Face It. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, London: The Making of a City. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, The Addams Family. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, New Who Do You Do? 7.30, Betty Boop. 7.35, McMillan and Wife. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, News. 11.35, Epilogue.

Scottish

11.30 am, Brass Rubbing. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road and Weather Report. 1.30, Time to Remember the 1930s.* 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Jason King. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Laceybuttonpoppers. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, The Adventurer. 7.00, New Who Do You Do. 7.30, Film: The Trygon Factor, with Stewart Granger, Susan Hampshire, James Robertson Justice. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35-11.50, Simply Sailing.

Ulster

11.15 am, Hammy Hamster. 11.30, Brass Rubbing. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Cartoons. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV News. 6.05, The Adventurer. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Bridget Loves Bernie. 7.30, Film: The Trygon Factor, with Stewart Granger, Susan Hampshire. 9.00-11.30, Thames.

Westward

10.35 am, Pinky Phantom. 11.05, Yoga for Health. 11.30, Brass Rubbing. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, A Hole Lot of Trouble. 2.00, Thames. 3.00, London—the Making of a City. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Sports Quiz. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.10, Columbo. 9.00, Thames. 11.27, Westward News. 11.30, Faith for Life.

Granada

9.30 am, Spiderman. 9.50, Sesame Street. 10.50, A Big Country. 11.25, The Jackson Five. 11.45, Hammy Hamster. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Douglas Fairbanks Presents.* 2.00, Thames. 3.00, Aznavour. 3.55, Thames. 5.15, Chuckleheads.* 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Barnaby Jones. 7.30, Film: The Letters, with John Forsythe. 9.00, Thames. 11.30-12.30 am, Bouey.

HTV

11.30 am, Brass Rubbing. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, ATV. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Danger Man. Thames. 5.20, Help! 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, The Protectors. 7.00, Film, Alan Ladd, Audrey Dalton, Charles Bronson and Marisa Pavan in Drum Beat. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.25-4.35, Miri Mawr. 4.35-4.50, Mr Mwg. 6.01-6.15, Y Dydd. 6.30-7.00, Sale of the Century. 10.30-11.30, Pen-blwydd. HTV WEST.—As HTV except: 6.15-6.30 pm, Report West.

Thames

10.0 am, Skippy. 10.25, Cartoon. 10.30, Autumn Across America. 11.20, Galloping Gourmet. 11.45, Larry the Lamb. 12.00, Pipkins. 12.15 pm, Paperplay. 12.30, Farmhouse Kitchen. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Cartoons.* 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Pathfinders. 3.55, There Goes That Song Again. 4.25, Shang a Lang. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, The Flintstones.

5.50 News. 6.00, Today.

6.35 Crossroads.

7.00 Film: Will Penny, with Charlton Heston.

9.00 Edward the Seventh. The Boy.

10.00 News.

10.30 The Way of the World. Bill Maynard, Joan Sims, Freddie Jones, Helen Lindsay, Robin Bailey, Margaret Courtenay in A Journey to London, by John Vanbrugh and Arthur Hopcraft.

11.30 Night Gallery.

11.50 Words of Wisdom, with Bishop Trevor Huddleston.

Anglia

11.30 am, Brass Rubbing. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Showcase. 2.00 House party. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, ATV. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Reflection.

ATV

11.30 am, Mr Piper. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime Newsdesk. 1.30, Anna and the King. 2.00, Thames. 3.00, The Saint.* 3.55, Thames. 5.20, The Partridge Family. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.10, Hec Ramsey. 9.00, Thames. 11.30-12.00, Lord Aylestone.

Southern

11.15 am, Hammy Hamster. 11.30, Brass Rubbing. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Lord of the Wheels. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Film: Night of the Prowler, with Patrick Holt, Colette Wilde.* 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Dodo. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Film: The Miniver Story, with Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon.* 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, Night Gallery. 12.10 am, Weather. Guideline.

Yorkshire

10.35 am, Ed Allen. 10.55, Felix the Cat. 11.05, Technoflash. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Signs of the Times. 1.00, News. 1.20, Calendar News. 1.30, The Magnificent White Nomad. 2.00, Thames. 3.00, London—the Making of a City. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, The Addams Family. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, New Who Do You Do? 7.30, Betty Boop. 7.35, McMillan and Wife. 9.00, Thames. 10.00, News. 11.30-11.55, You and Your Golf.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Alan Freeman. 7.02, Three in a Row. 7.30, Sing Something Simple.† 8.02, Radio Orchestra.† 9.02, The Impresarios, Jack Hylton. 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.10, Jeff Cooper. † 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Jeff Cooper.† 12.31, News.

† Stereo.

2

6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Tony Brandon.† (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02-12.33 am, Radio 1.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Mozart, Rodrigo, Dvorak.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Boieldieu, Chausson, Chabrier.† 8.55, John Clare and Birdsong. 9.00, News. 9.05, Taverner, Tye and Tallis.† 9.45, Academy of the BBC: Handel, Finzi, Arensky.† 10.45, Piano Recital: Beethoven.† 11.40, David Attenborough on the Sheba Isles. 12.10 pm, Concert: Ravel, Mozart.†

1.00 News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Concert: part 2 Brahms.† 2.15, Henry Brant, Joel Chadabe, Lee Reilly.† 3.15, New Records: Strauss.† 4.20, Nelsson Taylor: song recital, Ibert, Rachmaninov, Ravel.† 4.55, Jazz Today.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, A Stranger Abroad. 7.00, The Nature of Violence. 7.30, D'Oyly Carte Opera Company: The Mikado, Act 1.† 8.40, The Arts Worldwide. 8.55, The Mikado, Act 2.† 10.00, The Man without Ideology: documentary on Johann Georg Elser. 11.10, Bach.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.40 am, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for Today. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, An Aspidistra in Babylon. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Spring Cleaning with Ruth Gibbons. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Down Your Way. 11.45, Founder of a City: Sir Frederic Osborn. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Dad's Army. 12.55, Weather.

1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Broome Stages. 4.00, News. 4.05, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story Time: Sandi—The King Maker. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.

6.00, News. 6.15, My Music.† 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, It's Your Line. 01-580 4411, with Ross and Norris McWhirter, editors of Guinness Book of Records. 8.30, In Our Time, part 11: First Trick to Adolf Hitler. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: An Unimpeachable Source. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, America, Where Are You Now?, part 1: New York—The Dreaming Suburb. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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BIRTHS

CAMERON.—On March 29th, to Françoise and Colin—a daughter (Claire Marguerite Louise).

CHURTON.—On March 29th, 1975, to Gelda, wife of Robert Harding Churton—a son.

EVANS.—On March 30th, 1975, at Rochford General Hospital to Toni (née Dunthorn) and David—a son (Morgan).

GILBART-SMITH.—On March 28th, at Heatherwood hospital, Ascot, to Candy (née Miller) and Brian —a daughter (Emma Jane Cecilia).

IRENS.—On March 29th, 1975, at Pembury Hospital, to Fiona (née Walker) and Nicholas Irens—a son (Robert Charles Henry), a brother for Angus.

MONTEUUIS.—On March 25th, at Pembury hospital, to Joanna (née Dennet) and Anthony—a daughter (Christina).

ROUNDELL.—On March 29th, to Anthea and Hicky—a son.

SAUNDERS.—On 31 March to Cynthia (née Stiles) and Chis—a son (Jonathan Mark Christopher).

STANLEY.—On March 31st, to Jane and Richard Stanley—a son.

WHITAKER.—On 28th March, in Edinburgh, to Fiona and David—a son.

MARRIAGES

SILVER WEDDINGS

DOUGLAS : BATEMAN.—On April 1st, 1950, at St. Mary's Church, Sunbury-on-Thames, Alan John Douglas to Josephine Bateman. Present address: The Manor Lodge, Carthouse Lane, Horsell, Surrey.

HITCHCOCK : PERRY-KEENE.—On 1st April, 1950, at St. Margaret's Church, Rottingdean, Sussex, Frank Hitchcock to Ann Perry-Keene. Present address: Juglans, St. Mary Bourne, Andover.

DEATHS

BAILLIE.—On Easter day suddenly at Ballindarroch, Inverness, The Lady Maud Baillie, widow of Brigadier, The Hon. Evan Baillie of Dochfour. Service on Thursday, 3rd April, 1975, at 11.30 a.m. in St. Andrews Cathedral, Inverness, thereafter funeral private. Family flowers only please.

BARROW.—On March 29th, 1975, Louise, peacefully at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, housekeeper to the late Major Clarke-Jervoise, of Idsworth Park, Horndean. Service at Holy Trinity, Blendworth, on Friday, April 4th, at 2 p.m. No flowers, please.

BURY.—On March 26, 1975, peacefully at his home in Hove, Horace Bury. Cremation, Downs Crematorium, Brighton, 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 2. Flowers to Hanningtons, Brighton.

BUXTON.—On March 29, peacefully at her home, Irene Marguerite, widow of Robert Vere Buxton and beloved mother of Richard Levinge. Cremation private. Memorial and interment service later at Itchen Abbas.

COOPER. — On March 29th, Rosanne, greatly loved wife of Peter, of Woodeaton, Oxon, and loving mother of Anna and Philip, at Oxford, after a long and painful illness borne with much courage. Fortified by the rites of Holy Church. R.I.P. Funeral on April 4th at 9.30 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church, Headley Way, Oxford. Flowers to Mallett, 124 Lime Walk, Headington, and/or donations to Cancer Relief.

DIXON.—On Easter Monday, Leonore, wife of the late William Scarth Dixon, Mus. Bac. at Whittingham Hospital, Norwich, following a stroke at her home at Blofield Rectory. Funeral at St. Andrew and St. Peter's, Blofield at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 2nd April and interment at Grasmere, Cumbria at 2 p.m., Thursday 3rd April.

FARQUHAR.—On March 30th, peacefully after a long illness patiently borne, Lt.-Col. William Alexander Farquhar, late R.S.F., of 58 Wood Lane, Fleet, Hants, beloved husband of Doris and the late Ethel. No flowers, by his request, and no letters, please. Funeral at All Saints Church, Fleet, on Friday, 4th April, at 11 a.m.

FURLONGE.—On March 28, 1975, in hospital, after a long illness borne with outstanding courage, Anne, beloved wife of Sir Geoffrey Furlonge, 67 Prince's Gate, S.W.7. Service West London Crematorium, Kensal Green, 4.15 p.m., Friday, April 4th. Flowers to Kenyons, 49 Marloes Road, W.8.

GODFREY.—On 29th March, peacefully in Court House Nursing Home, Malvern, Freda, aged 90, much loved by her adopted daughter Carol Milton and family, and by her niece, Cynthia, May and Helen. Funeral Worcester Crematorium at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 3rd April. Undertaker, F. W. Salisbury, Malvern.

GOLDSCHMIDT.—On March 28th, 1975, peacefully, Carl, beloved husband of Madeleine, in his 90th year. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday, April 3rd, at 10.40 a.m. Funeral private.

HANDSCOMB.—On March 26th, 1975, peacefully in her sleep at a nursing home after a short illness, Ellen May, darling wife of Percy Robert (Bob) Handscomb, of 30 Park Gates, Eastbourne. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday, April 4th, at 3 p.m. Please, no letters. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations may be sent to The National Society for Cancer Relief, Michael Sobell House, 30 Dorset Square, London, N.W.1.

HARKER.—On 26th March, 1975, after a short illness, Kenneth Anderson Harker, of 16 Byng Road, Tunbridge Wells, dear husband of Dorothy and father of Paul. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

HARMER.—On March 28th, in Ryde, Isle of Wight, Lewis Charles, Fellow of Trinity College, Professor Emeritus of Cambridge University. No letters, please.

HITCHCOCK.—On Good Friday, March 28th, suddenly at his home Edward, dear husband of Molly, father of Arnold and Robin. Private cremation. A service of remembrance will be held at the Parish Church, Clavering, on Friday, April 11th at 2.30 p.m.

JOHNSON.—On March 29th, 1975, at Edgware General Hospital, William Marshall, aged 80 years, late Director of John Laing and Son Limited, beloved husband of Mary. Public funeral service at St. Margaret's Parish Church, Edgware on Friday, April 4th at 11 a.m. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to John Grooms, Edgware Way, Edgware, Middlesex.

LAMB.—On March 26th, 1975, suddenly at her home at Virginia Water, Joan Lamb, darling wife and sweetheart for 32 years of Paul Lamb, beloved mother of Micky and dear sister of Doreen. Service at Christchurch, Christchurch Road, Virginia Water, at 3.15 p.m. on Thursday, 3rd April, followed by private cremation at Woking (St. Johns) Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to F. Harrison and Son, 40 Harvest Road, Englefield Green, Surrey.

LEIGH.—On March 31st, 1975, peacefully at his home Sharpes Farm, Thaxted, Essex, Dr Emil Leigh, M.D., M.R.C.P., funeral service at Cambridge Crematorium, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge at 9.00 a.m. Thursday 3rd April. No flowers please.

McNEE.—On 29th March, 1975, at home in Winchester, after a long illness, Geraldine Zarita Lee Le Bas McNee, M.Sc.(London), aged 79, wife of Sir John McNee, M.D., F.R.C.P., daughter of C. H. A. Le Bas, London Stock Exchange, granddaughter of Sir Eyre Massy Shaw ("Captain Shaw"), first chief of the London Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and godchild of Mary Custis Lee, daughter of American Confederate General Robert E. Lee. Burial at Headbourne Worthy Church, near Winchester on Wednesday, 2nd April, at 2.15 p.m.

PAYNE.—On 31st March, peacefully, in 91st year at Double Dance, Ightham, Alice Irene, wife of the late George Arthur Payne and beloved mother of Ruth, Keith and Dudley. Cremation private. No flowers by request but donations in her memory may be sent to NSPCC Maidstone.

RAIKES.—On March 27, peacefully, at his home, Treberfydd, Bwlch, Brecon, Major-General Sir Geoffrey Taunton Raikes, C.B., D.S.O., late South Wales Borderers (24th Regiment), aged 90. Funeral for family and parish only on Tuesday. Memorial service: Brecon Cathedral, Thursday, April 3, at 12 noon. No flowers; donations, if desired, to Council for the Protection of Rural Wales, 14 Broad Street, Welshpool, Powis, or Help the Aged, 8 Denman Street, London, W.1.

REEVE.—On Good Friday, March 28th quietly after a long illness, Joseph Robert, aged 65, dear husband of Joy of 5 Little Orchard Way, Shalford, near Guildford. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday, April 3rd at 12 noon. Flowers to Avidin Funeral Service, Springfield Rd., Guildford. No letters please.

RUSHWORTH.—On 23rd March, 1975, Edward, husband of Joyce Robinson Rushworth and father of Helen, Wallace and Diana. Burial at Wyke. Service of Thanksgiving for Rush will be held at Kirby Muxloe Free Church at 12 noon on Friday, 25th April.

SECCOMBE.—On March 27th, at Kingswear, Meire, late of Cardington and of Ashfold School.

STONE.—On 31st March, 1975, Beatrice Lilian Gordon, in her sleep after a long illness. Beloved wife of Lt. Col. Cecil Stone and mother of Yvonne Coke-Wallis, Summerdown House, Bratton, Wilts. Funeral privately at Bratton. No flowers.

STRICKLAND-CONSTABLE. — On March 28th, suddenly in hospital, Sir Henry Marmaduke, Bt., B.M., of Wassand Hall, Hull. Dearly loved husband of Edina, Lady Strickland-Constable. Funeral at Sigglesthorne Parish Church on Wednesday, 2nd April, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to Sigglesthorne Parish Church.

TRICOGLOU.—On March 29th, 1975, after a long illness, Maureen Claire Tricoglou, of 32 Victoria Road, Kensington, W.8, beloved wife of Nicholas and mother of Terence and Fifi. Mass at the Carmelite Church, Kensington, Church St., W.8, on Friday, April 4th at 10 a.m. followed by interment at Kensington Gunnersbury Cemetery at 11 a.m. Flowers to Sargeant of Ealing, 160 Uxbridge Road, Hanwell, W.7.

WARREN.—On March 30th, peacefully at his home in Hereford after a long illness most bravely borne, Denis P. Warren, T.D., dearest husband of Jackie and father of David, and much loved son and brother. Funeral on Thursday, April 3rd, at 3.30 p.m., at Standford Methodist Church, Bordon. Flowers to H. C. Patrick, Alton, or donations to Cancer Research.

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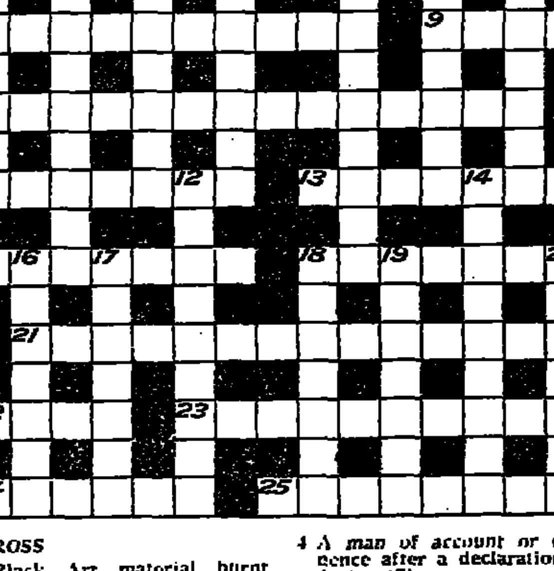
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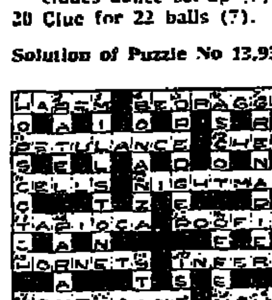
ACROSS

1 Black Art material burnt (8).
5 In days gone by a letter from Greece to a man of Rome (6)
8 How the Red Leopard scrambled out of gaol? (4-6).
9 May harvest? Crazy! (4).
10 Artist partly prepared to grant Antony's request? (7, 3, 4).
11 One training to be king-emperor, nothing less (7).
13 Hold hands (7).
15 Woodcutter's a fathead, a retrograde good-for-nothing (7).
18 Does a company employ 501 such clergymen? (7).
21 His marriage was fashionable. How right am I? All wrong (7, 7).
22 Ethereally melodious? (4).
23 Outright terrible, rotten, our old guitarist (10).
24 Used the hand that Hook lacked (6).
25 Times when Parliament does nothing about taxes (8).

DOWN

1 About to lead composer to a sailing ship (7).
2 Pin on donkey's years—or tail? (9)
3 Pass over fifty, even, to find Miss Ireland (7).
4 A man of account or eminence after a declaration in Africa (7).
5 "What's yours?" Olivia asked Cesario (9).
6 Shipping line artist's fabulous girl (7).
7 "The whining schoolboy, with his —— " (AYLI) (7).
12 Looking ill-nourished, came up with a diet that's different (9).
14 Youngsters of note (9).
16 Seen untanned in a nudist colony? (7).
17 The quarry's sighted—in a counting-house? (5-2).
18 Find new quarters for her up over the river (7).
19 For relation in Paris it includes dance set-up (7).
20 Clue for 22 balls (7).

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